



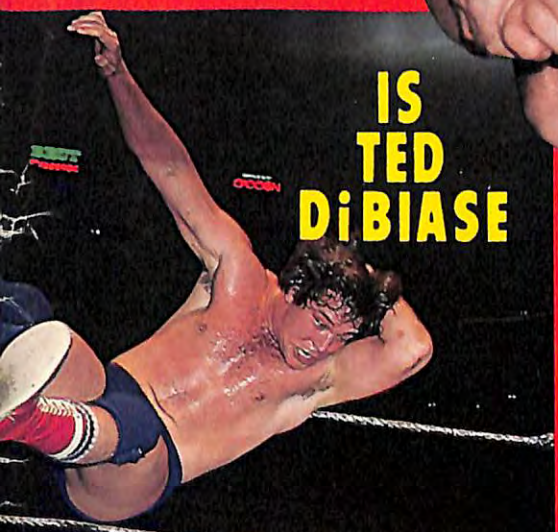
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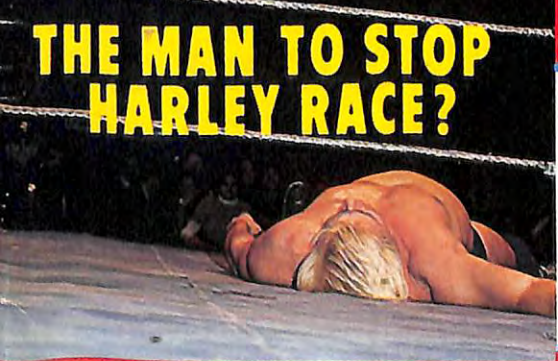
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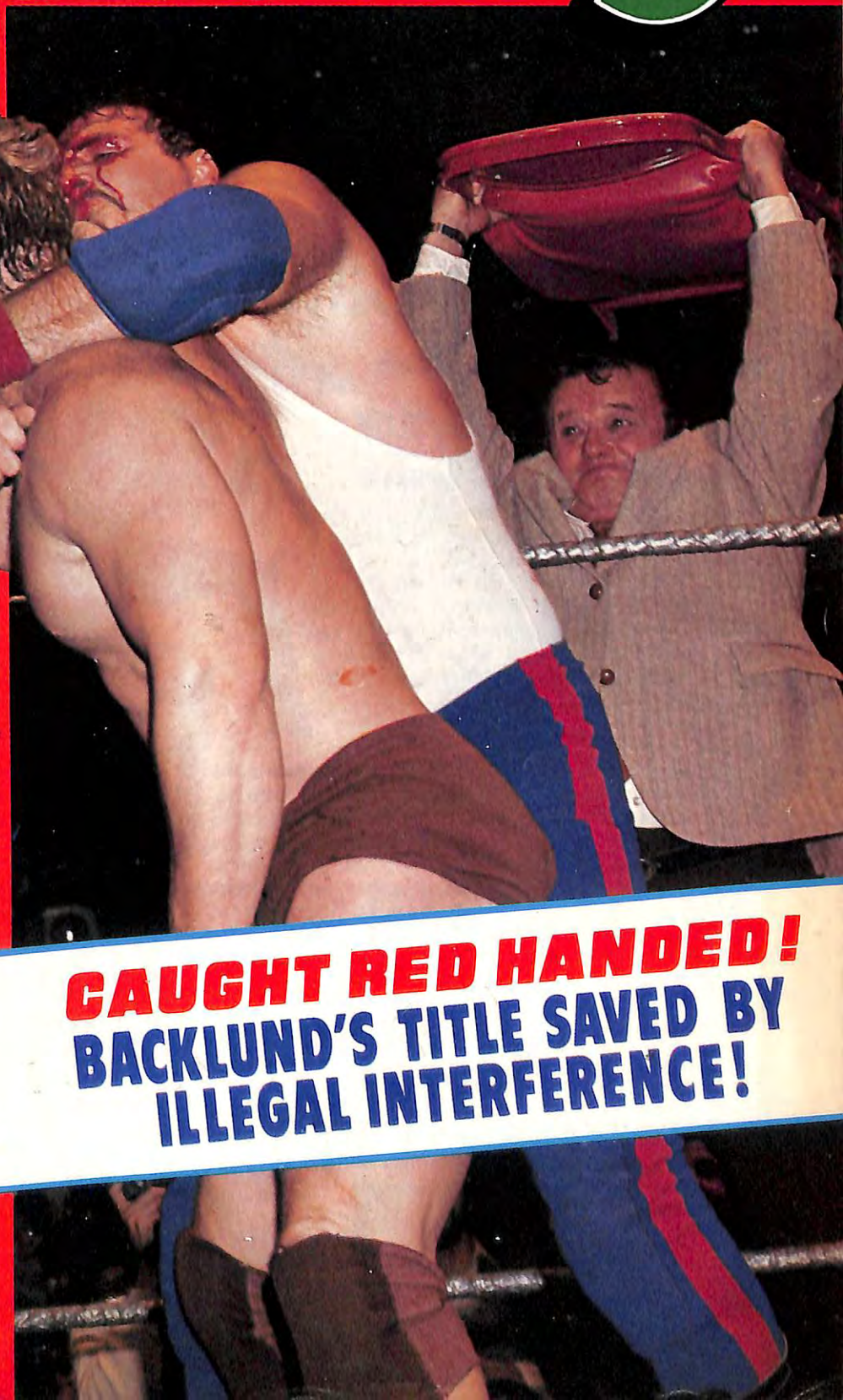
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Peter  
King

Editor-in-Chief

What a great night for wrestling! The Mid-Atlantic title is back where it belongs--snug around the waist of Rick Steamboat.

I was down in the Mid-Atlantic area for a full week prior to the historic upset in which Steamboat won the title from Hussein Arab. As a matter of fact, my assignment was to cover Rick for a future story in one of our magazines. I had no idea Rick was going to wrestle Arab, let alone win.

"I guess you spark me to great heights," Steamboat said sarcastically at his victory party after the match.

Against Arab, Rick was a demon of perfection. I have never seen a man so determined, maneuvers so precise. His karate thrusts were weapons of destruction, chopping Arab's viciousness down until he was a defeated shell.

After the match, when they presented Rick with the Mid-Atlantic belt, the arena went wild. Looking through the wrestling record book, I saw this was Steamboat's first singles title in nearly three years. It was quite a victory.

What's next for Steamboat? "This belt is a ladder, a stepping stone," the excited new champion said to the press after the bout. "Next, the U.S. title. Watch out Valentine! Then, the big one, the NWA belt. Hey, Race, tell your tailor to take the belt in a few inches, because I want it to fit me nice."

The victory party was still raging when I left to transcribe this column. The party was more than a celebration of one man's winning a title; it was a celebration of the forces of good over the forces of evil. Oh yes, the story I went down to the Mid-Atlantic area to do was, "What's Wrong With Steamboat?" I know the answer now. Nothing's wrong.





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"Oh boy, do I feel good," shouted Steamboat as hands smacked his broad back. "This is real sweet victory. I mean, nothing tastes or feels as good as winning."

Just hours earlier, Steamboat seized the Mid-Atlantic title from Hussein Arab.

"I wanted this one real bad," said Steamboat. "I wanted to pay back Arab and his buddies Stevens and Snuka and Anderson for what they did to Jay."

Recently, Snuka and Stevens sadistically injured Jay Youngblood's leg during an NWA tag team title match. That precipitated Steamboat's blood oath of revenge.

"I have to say the mere, pure act of beating Arab meant as much to me as winning this belt." Steamboat lifted the diamond-studded belt above his head, evoking a loud cheer. "Sure, winning a title means a lot to me. But Jay means a lot more."

Steamboat's words sobered the crowd, silencing the music and dancing.

"When are they going to learn that you can't get away with crap like that?" hissed Steamboat. "Those bums better learn their day of unpunished cruelty is gonna end. And I'm just the guy who'll end that day."

Within Steamboat's intense personality, nothing matches the inner ferocity of his loyalty. When it comes to friendships, Steamboat can be fiercely devoted.

"Far as I can see, nothing is as important as friends. If you've got a friend, you know there'll always

be someone for you to turn to," said Steamboat. "An attack on a friend is the same as an attack on me."

"Yup, when I visited Jay in the hospital I was sick to my stomach," said Steamboat, his voice dipping. "Just seeing him with the leg in a cast all propped up, his face all white, damn, I wanted to smash through a wall and get my hands on those creeps as soon as I possibly could."

Even though it was not Arab who injured Youngblood, Steamboat obliterates distinctions between members of the Anderson stable.



Rick Steamboat dedicated his Mid-Atlantic championship victory to his partner and friend, Jay Youngblood.

"They're all animals," yelled Steamboat. "All of 'em. There's not a dime's worth of difference between Arab or an animal like Stevens. They look to hurt, that's it. They don't care one iota for any wrestling. All they care about is breaking someone's leg."

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# TOP SECRET

## Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu  
Saks

*You weren't here when I lost the title to Masked Superstar. You know I'm not a complainer, but if you saw the way he beat me . . . There's just no reward in this sport for abiding by the rules. How could I stay in a sport where evil is encouraged as the route to success? No sir, I'm getting out.*

—Tommy Rich, January 1980

**I**T WAS LESS than a year ago that I sat in an Atlanta bar with a disillusioned young wrestler named Tommy Rich, or I should say, former wrestler. Tommy had decided at that point that wrestling was no longer for him. He wanted out.

Rich had just lost the Georgia championship to Masked Superstar and he thought he was cheated. The officials, by not strictly enforcing the rules established to control the sport, were playing right into the hands of those who don't follow the rules.

Fortunately, Rich realized that he and others like him were needed to keep the rulebreakers in check. He reluctantly chose to stay in wrestling—for the sake of the fans.

Tommy's opinion of the sport has not changed, but his approach to the sport has been drastically altered. Tommy no longer tolerates the evil that abounds in wrestling; he is part of it.

I never thought it could happen, but it has. Tommy Rich, one of the most exciting young scientific wrestlers to come along in many years, has adopted the "if you can't bet 'em, join 'em" philosophy and has turned rulebreaker. I, along with so many wrestling fans, grieve the loss.

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# Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan Shocket

**T**HERE WERE THREE men condemned to the lowest rung of hell in the epic poem, *Inferno*, by Dante. This was where the three most despised traitors in history suffered through eternity. There is now a fourth traitor who has earned a place with these hated men. Judas, Cassius, Brutus: Welcome Tony Garea.

If there is a more despicable person than Tony Garea, surely its parents would have drowned the creature at birth. No longer will Tony's critics be able to say, "He'd sell his best friend to succeed." They now have to say, "Tony sold his best friend to succeed."

There was a time when Tony's best friend was Larry Zbyszko. Now, everyone knows how Larry was humiliated by Bruno Sammartino over the years. Finally, when the young man could stand no more, he turned on his oppressor. Larry sought refuge with rulebreakers.

Now, even if you thought Larry was wrong, and the noble Bruno Sammartino



Who's to blame for the break between Tony Garea and Larry Zbyszko? Dan Shocket has no doubt.

can walk on oil slicks, certainly the young man should have expected his "best friend" to understand. Garea could have disagreed, certainly friends can disagree, but Tony could and should have stood by his friend. But during the hard times, isn't that when one needs a friend most?

So where was Tony Garea, hero to millions of unthinking fans? You could have found him with Bruno Sammartino, where Tony was keeping a civil tongue on Bruno's boots. Sammartino is a power in the WWF, Larry is not. Like refuse flushed down a sewer, Garea sucked toward

the power.

Though Larry refuses to say anything for publication, friends say he was devastated by Garea's desertion. If there was one man Larry thought he could turn to when the chips were down, Tony was the man. Instead, Garea turned on him. It would have been an act of moral courage for Tony to stand by his friend. Tony the Turkey revealed himself to be a moral coward.

Cowardice came very easy to the man. Every since he migrated from New Zealand, Garea's shameful career has disgraced professional sports. From the first, he toadied to the fans, telling the nitwits everything they wanted to hear. He quickly figured out that a popular wrestler doesn't need athletic ability to succeed. Where no ability was needed was the perfect place for Garea.

Of course, the fans fell for this malarkey. They praised his good looks, his friendliness, his pretense to "staying within the rules." Like a trained dog, Garea

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by Joe Nazario, Mr. U.S.A. Physique Champion,  
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I'm a professional body builder. I won the Mr. U.S.A. competition and the Mr. International contest. I'll probably win Mr. Universe this year. I'm also in the exercise and health consulting business in New York City.

So I'm familiar with exercise and body building programs. I've probably tried every single one of them. And do you know something? Not one of them is worth the money you have to pay!

The reason is simple. Every so-called exercise machine, every weight-lifting set ever made works on one of two principles: isometric (putting stress on muscles that do not move) or isotonic (moving muscles under stress).

So, when you pay good money for a machine or a set of fancy equipment, you're buying a gimmick. You can accomplish *exactly the same exercise value*, get exactly the same results, without the machine—**IF YOU KNOW HOW!** What's more, since machines and weights put a tremendous amount of stress on weak, underdeveloped muscles, they can *actually cause more harm than good*.

## THE SIMPLE LOCKER ROOM SECRET THAT REALLY WORKS, IN JUST 90 SECONDS

In my years as an athlete and as an "iron pumper," I've seen hundreds of men get ready for strenuous competition. Each had his own personal mannerisms. Each had favorite warm-up exercises. But over the years, I noticed a simple, common thread that was common to all. *I actually discovered the simple locker room secret that the pros use to build up their bodies in just 90 seconds!*

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## WHAT IS MY AMAZING SECRET?

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## MEET JOE NAZARIO, CREATOR OF THE "TONOMETRIC" SYSTEM

Joe is 29 years old. He presently is in the health food business, and conducts seminars on health, nutrition, and exercise.

Joe has served as a consultant to industry, and gives private body building instruction.

Joe won the Mr. U.S.A. Physique Championship, and was named Mr. International.

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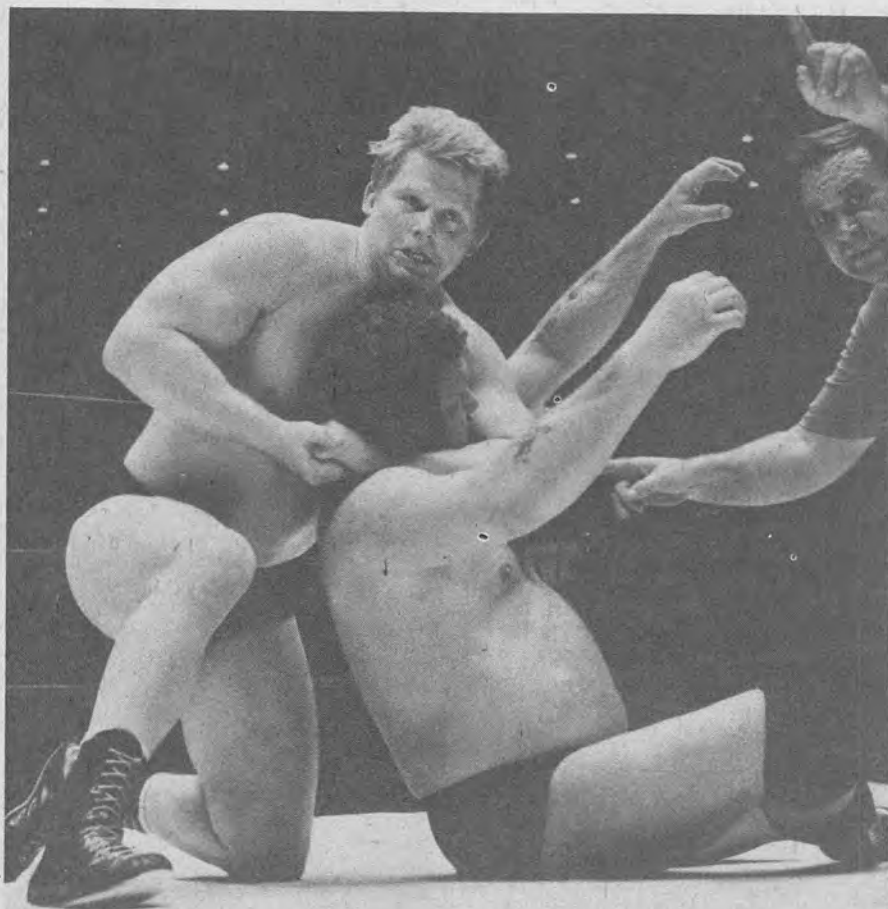
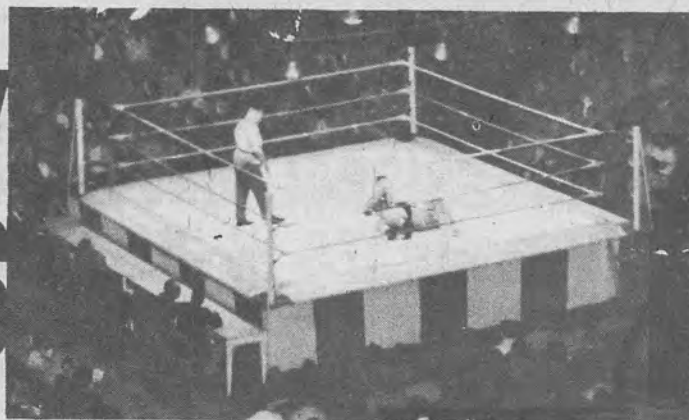
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# SINCERELY YOURS

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Bob Backlund applies a powerful headlock on Harley race. Regarding the opinion of NWA executive Fred Wilburn that Backlund is inferior to Race, reader Joseph Meagher feels Wilburn doesn't know what he is talking about.

## BACKLUND INFERIOR?

Who does this Fred Wilburn think he is? Maybe I should clear up his mind, or lack of one. Before he considers Bob Backlund an inferior wrestler, as he did in "On the Road" (December/1980), Wilburn should consider who defeated Harley Race for the Missouri State title. Yes, that's right, Bob Backlund.

Sure Harley Race defends his title all over the world, but so does

Backlund. Mr. Backlund has defended his WWF title in Georgia, Florida, St. Louis, California, as well as Japan and Canada. I do not deny the greatness of Harley Race, for he is truly a magnificent wrestler. But for Fred Wilburn to believe as he does, must make him a drinking buddy of Matt Brock's who did not think sensibly before he spoke.

JOSEPH MEAGHER  
Rehoboth, MA

## FACTS FOR DAN

In answer to Dan Shocket on "Bodyslams and Pinfalls," let me inform Shocket of a few facts: I think Kevin Sullivan and Stan Hansen had every right to come onto the interview with baseball bats. Do you remember when the Masked Assassins, Ole and Gene Anderson, and Ivan Koloff jumped Dusty Rhodes all at the same time? Do you remember when Ole Anderson and Koloff jumped Rhodes in the parking lot with a tire iron? Do you remember when Austin Idol (a real coward)



Stan Hansen was justified for attacking The Assassins with a baseball bat, writes Alton A. Harnage. Doug Schubert, however, disagrees. Associate Editor Dan Shocket is right in the middle of the controversy.

and Harley Race broke Tommy Rich's leg. Do you remember what happened to Kevin Sullivan's brother? Have you ever seen either one of The Assassins finish a match without both of them getting involved?

Your remarks about "I've always known most wrestling fans

are stupid, but now they are dangerously stupid," may fit perfectly. I think the best thing that could happen to you is to be in the middle of an interview and get hit a few times with a baseball bat. I think you are far too gone for me to even help. As far as your complaint, I would like to know what all the wrestling fans think of your sickening and stupid articles. Articles like this usually don't get printed because of the truth, but the fans will look for it anyway.

ALTON A. HARMON  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

### ONE FOR DAN

I have to compliment Shocket in his portrayal of Sullivan and Stan Hansen in your November column of "Body and Pinfalls." It is too bad that there are so many wrestling fans. I guess they don't appreciate the skill displayed by such stars as Ken Patera, Superstar Billy Graham, and the Samoans. Don't these stupid fans realize how great these wrestlers are?

Maybe some day, a few fans will listen to people like us who know what real wrestling skill and looks like.

DOUG SCHULZ  
New York, NY

### HORRIBLE CRUELTY

I couldn't believe what I witnessed with my own two eyes. Before a packed house, the barbarians, Jimmy Snuka and Steve Stevens purposely broke Youngblood's leg! They did it with total malice and with a good deal of joy.

What's become of professional wrestling when two obvious lunatics like these can get away with a bloodthirsty assault on a young man? Why don't the officials step forth and throw these lunatics out of wrestling?

I am very saddened by this incident. I wish to have the opportunity to convey my



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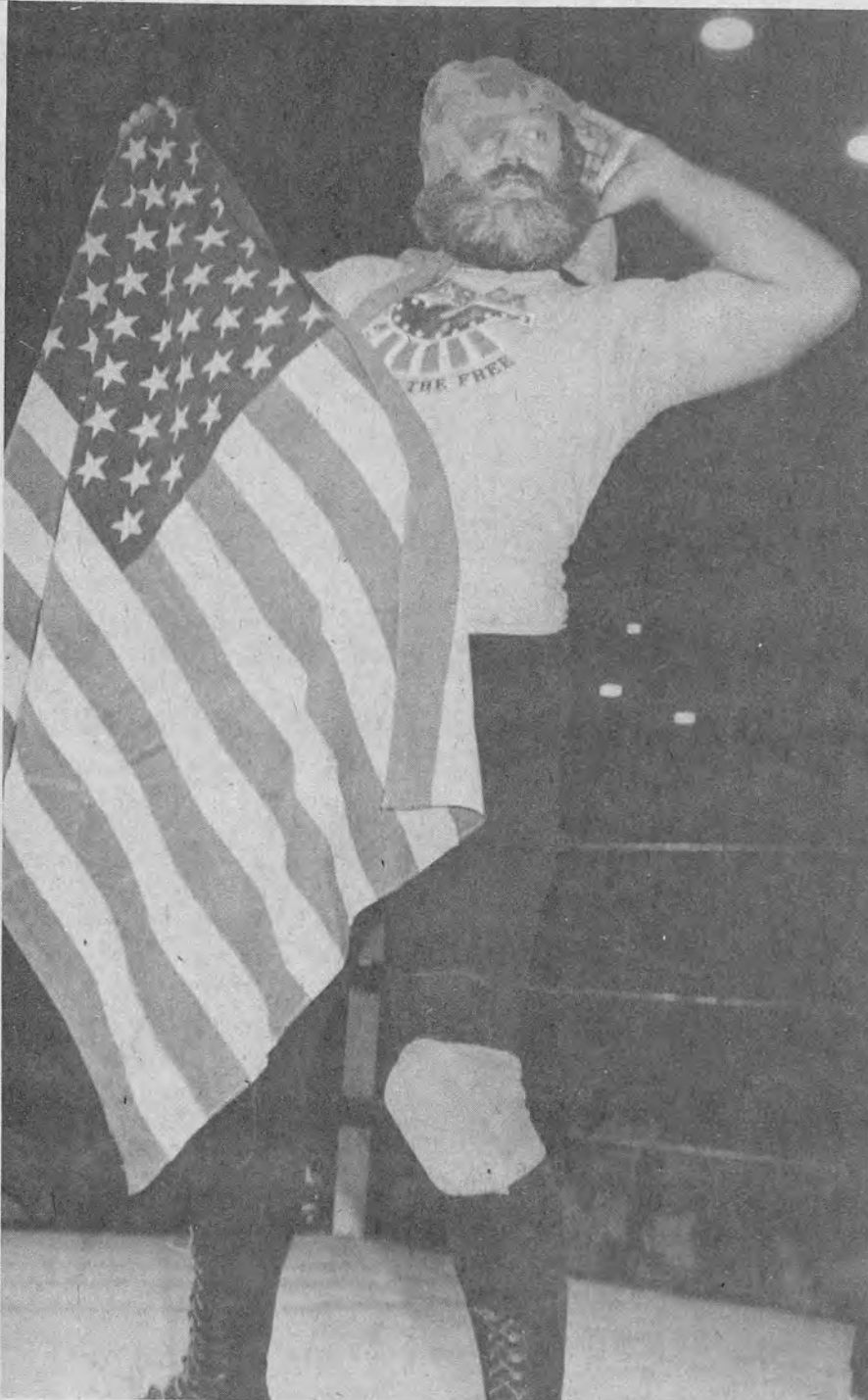
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# THE INSIDER

By STEVEN FARHOOD



Although he certainly meant no harm, Buggy McGraw was not welcome in a Florida department store where he posed as Santa Claus for the little children. Santa Claus #1 would have been very proud, however.

## SCOOP OF THE MONTH

Buggy McGraw was asked to leave a Florida department store because he was posing in a Santa Claus suit and speaking with the little children without authorization!

McGraw quickly left the premises without causing a ruckus. "I was just spending some time with the kids," he explained. "You know how I love kids. I was just telling them what a great country they live in. And they were telling me what they wanted for Christmas. One even wanted to be a professional wrestler."

McGraw did not say where he obtained the Santa Claus outfit. When asked if he realized that even though his intentions were good, what he was doing was without proper permission, he shrugged. "Can't tell the Indians where the cornfields are," was his answer. Nobody ever said Buggy was easy to figure out.

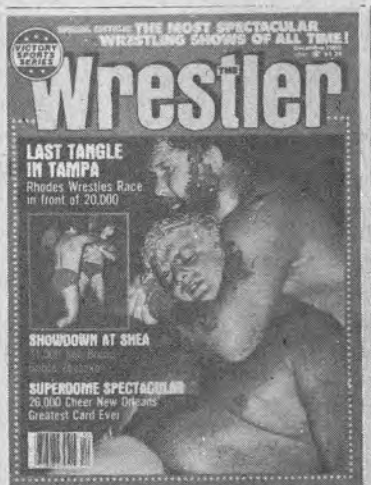
"If it weren't Buggy McGraw," said a spokesman for the department store, "we might have looked into this incident a little further. But you should've seen how he was with the kids. The last little girl he was talking with before we confronted him was in seventh heaven. She was sitting on his lap. Judging by her smile, I'd say she had never been happier in her life."

Buggy McGraw. A very different kind of hero.

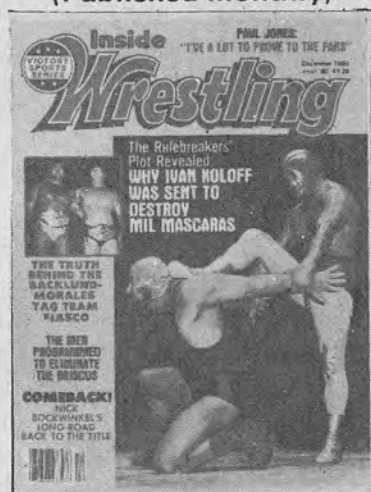
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# NAMES MAKI

There may be big trouble brewing in the LOU ALBANO camp. Albano, who manages the WWF tag team champions SAMOANS has now brought a new team into the area, THE MOONDOGS. We are informed that Afa and Sika, the Samoans are burning mad that Lou has brought in another tag team and will not be devoting his full time to them. In a more serious development we also hear that the



**CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO**

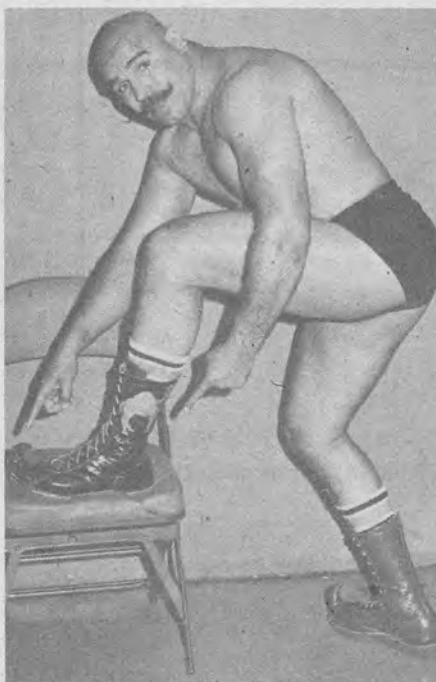
Moondogs have requested a shot at the title! Let's see how the Captain squirms out of this one!

As per prior agreement, Gary Hart had his head shaved when his protegee GINO HERNANDEZ lost a match to KEVIN VON ERICH. Fans have been jeering Hart's bald noggin as he makes his way to the ring with Hernandez



**VON ERICH VS. HERNANDEZ**

during recent bouts . . . RICK STEAMBOAT, the new Mid-Atlantic champion, says he feels extremely confident he can win the United States belt from GREG VALENTINE. "That bum won the Mid-Atlantic title from HUSSEIN ARAB on a controversial decision," Valentine says. "He won't get away with his foul tactics with me. I will annihilate him!"



**HUSSEIN ARAB**



**MR. WRESTLING II**

JIMMY HART, former manager of JERRY LAWLER, has assumed managerial duties for the hated TOMMY RICH . . . RODDY PIPER is locked in a feud with RIC FLAIR . . . THE FREEBIRDS boast that they are the men who forced MR. WRESTLING II into retirement. "We whipped him so bad," says BUDDY ROBERTS, "that he had to quit."

BRUNO SAMMARTINO looked great in his battle against SGT. SLAUGHTER. Rumors persist that Bruno is ready to challenge BOB BACKLUND for the WWF title . . . THE MASKED GRAPPLER is waging a bloody war against PAUL ORNDORFF in Louisiana . . . BOBO BRAZIL is back in Florida after a short absence.

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Bill Apter  
reporting...

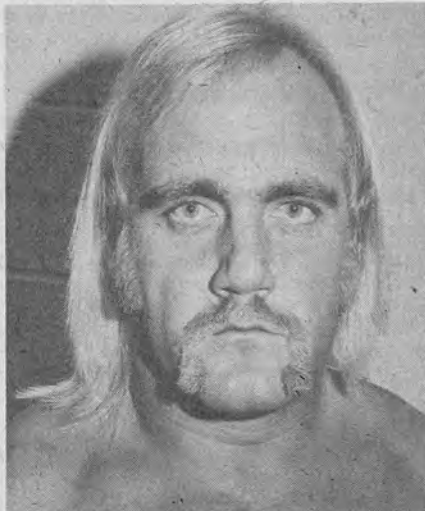


**BOBO BRAZIL**

**HULK HOGAN** has returned from Japan and manager **FRED BLASSIE** is contemplating a team of Hulk and **STAN HANSEN**. As a duo, they could be deadly. Imagine the effect of a double lariat.

Speaking about Blassie, he recently put the tights on again to wage war against **JOHN TOLOS** in Los Angeles. "It gave me nothing but pleasure to bite chunks out of that pencil neck geek's forehead," Blassie said at a press conference. Freddie is back to full-time managing.

**MIL MASCARAS** has inked on the dotted line for a series of matches with **OX BAKER** . . . **LARRY ZBYSZKO** now claims that his former partner **TONY GAREA** is too scared to wrestle him again . . . **PAMPERO FIRPO**



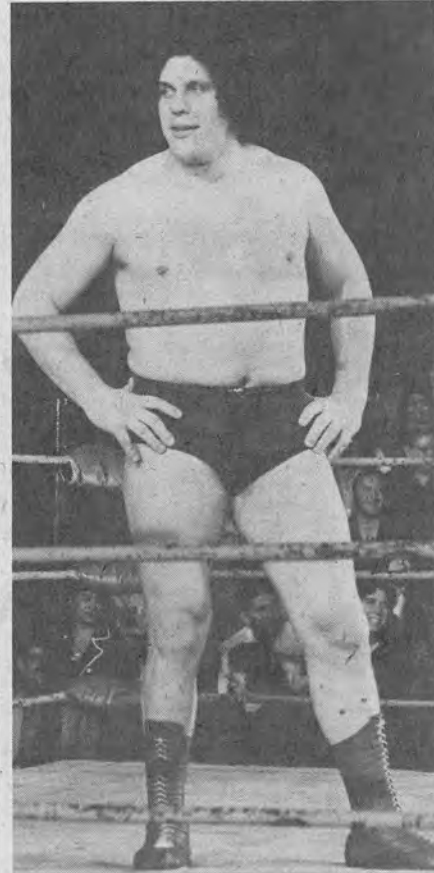
**HULK HOGAN**

is headlining wrestling shows in Puerto Rico as is **LUKE GRAHAM** and **MIGHTY IGOR**.

Florida promoters are negotiating with **SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM** . . . Florida tag team champions **SCOTT MCGHEE** and **BARRY WINDHAM** are thwarting the challenge



**PAMPERO FIRPO**



**ANDRE THE GIANT**

of all the state's rulebreakers . . . **ANDRE THE GIANT** is headed to the AWA for a series of matches.

Says **KEN PATERA**: "That no-talent **PEDRO MORALES** thinks he is good enough to win my Inter-Continental championship. Well, he has wrestled me almost 200 times already and he still can't win it. He's a loser, and that's all he'll ever be!"

Even though he is Junior Heavyweight champion, **LES THORNTON** thinks it is time for **HARLEY RACE** to put his belt on the line against him. "I know I can whip Race," says Thornton. "All I need is the opportunity."

That's all for now. See you next time. □



# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

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**DECEMBER 1951 Boxing**—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month

**Wrestling**—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandor Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston \$25

**JANUARY 1952 Boxing**—Pep vs. Saddler, Gan's vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

**Wrestling**—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

**FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story

**Wrestling**—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings \$25

**JUNE 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

**Wrestling**—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of the Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

**JULY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weill, Abe Attell, Danny Nardico, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos, Norman Hayes, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Lord Blears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, Texas Rassin', Ratings, Ivan Kamiroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old Days \$25

**AUGUST 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tandler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

**SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

**Wrestling**—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of the Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

**OCTOBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles, Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings,

Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello **Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

**APRIL 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello, Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton), Pat McMurtry, Billy Miske, Ezzard Charles, Undeclared Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillon

**Wrestling**—Marvin Mercer, Matches of the Month, Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds \$30

**MAY 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

**Wrestling**—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of the Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$30

**OCTOBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Bucceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings

**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Viann, Matches of the Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$30

**DECEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Bob Orton, Matches of the Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

**FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

**Wrestling**—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of the Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

**MARCH 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Cirieli, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tommy Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

**Wrestling**—Gorgeous George, Matches of the Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

**APRIL 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nick's Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

**MAY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Jimmy Carter, Trainer Whitey Bimstein's Secrets, Pancho Villa's Life, Frankie Ryff, Ray Robinson's Comeback, Les Darcy, Charley Norkus, Max Baer Kayoes Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Quiz, Ratings, Barney Ross

**Wrestling**—Primó Camera, Roy McClarity, Matches of the Month, Southwest Champs, Great Scott, Killer Kowalski Strength Secrets, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up of Buddy Rogers \$20

**JUNE 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Eduardo Lausé, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of the Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

**JULY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of the Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nick's, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—'Tiger' Joe Marsh, Matches of the Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

**AUGUST 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

**Wrestling**—'Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of the Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous, Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

**SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurtry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of the Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

**OCTOBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Hans Herman, Matches of the Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

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**Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Matches of the Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

**JANUARY 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey

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**Wrestling**—Pepper Gomez, June Byers vs. Babs Wingo, Matches of Month, French Angel, Karl Davis, Best Rookies, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

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**Wrestling**—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

**APRIL 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

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**JUNE 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe  
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**JULY 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell  
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**SEPTEMBER 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, 'Hurricane' Jackson, Will Marciano Fight Again? Mike McTigue, Bob Baker, Joey Giardello vs. Boxing Commission, Strange Anecdotes, Eddie Machen, Johnny Coulon, Paul Jorgensen, Terry McGovern vs. Oscar Gardner, Mike Gibbons, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

**Wrestling**—Buddy Rogers, Whipper Watson Wins Title From Thesz, Art of Needling, Yvon Roberts (Part 2), Wrestling Whirl, Dot Dotson: Matches of Month, Dick Nelson, Questions & Answers \$25

**OCTOBER 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

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# Matt Brock's **PLAIN SPEAKING**

**ATLANTA, GA:** The Freebirds are the weirdest threesome I've ever seen. And one of the most dangerous. Michael Hayes, Buddy Roberts, and Terry Gordy are the Georgia Heavyweight tag team champs. Yeah, I know, you can only have two tag team champs at a time. Well, they've devised a unique method of circumventing such trivial little matters as that. The Freebird Corporation invests each of its three sole stockholders, Hayes, Gordy, and Roberts, with a 33 1/3 share of the title. However, all three show up at title matches. Foes never know which of the three they'll be wrestling. Now I've heard and seen some kinda strange people and ideas in my career, but nothing compares with this. If The Freebirds were mediocre wrestlers, this wouldn't pose such a threat to all Georgia wrestlers. But each of the wrestlers are tough, ruthless, utterly unprincipled men bent on crippling any opponent they can. By removing pre-match strategy from their opponents unable to adequately prepare for The Freebirds, this powerful trio only enhances their potential devastation. And, sadly, their agreement is entirely legal, a decision reached by two independent attorney friends of mine.

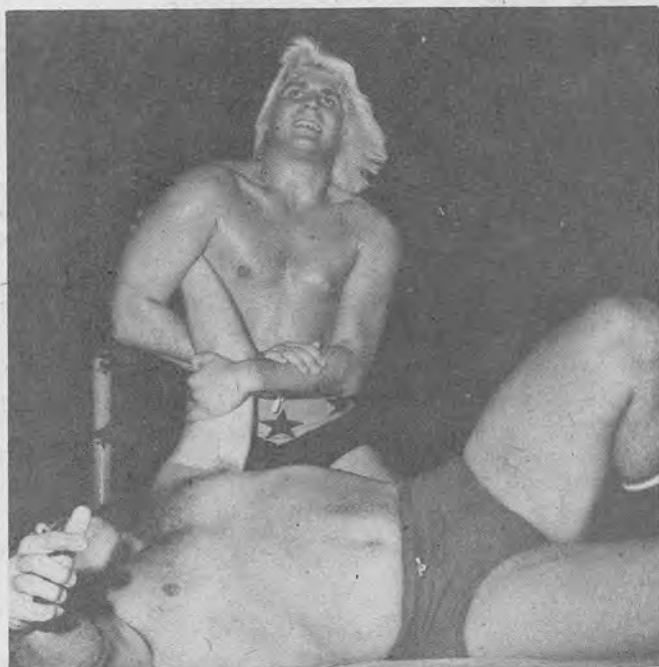
**CHARLOTTE, NC:** Nothing finer than discovering your hotel reservation is gone. Tried to check in and they told me I had no reservation. Complicating matters was the Convention of Tobacco Growers held in Charlotte this weekend. Couldn't get a room for nothing. Finally managed to find a place on the outskirts of town. Not bad if you don't care about a bathroom. Had fun betting on the roaches. Which brings me to Roddy Piper, newest addition to the Mid-Atlantic area by way of the Pacific Northwest. Piper's a native of Scotland, accounting for his bagpipe and kilts. Maybe I'm



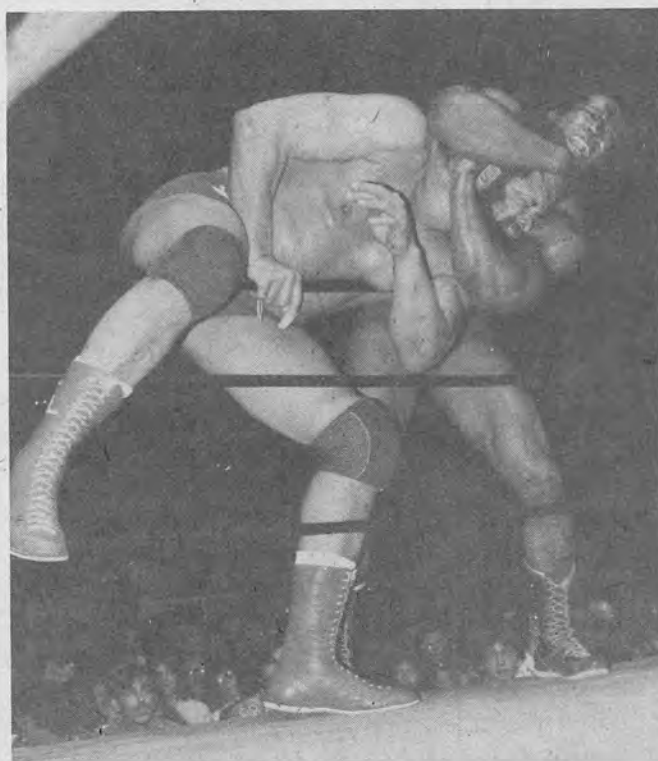
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old-fashioned, but seeing a man in a skirt distresses me. While I am partial to certain Scottish exports, Piper is not one of them. Shame someone like that must reflect back on a fine nation like Scotland. Piper's just a mean, ornery son-of-a-gun. He has precious little tact, though considerable amount of talent, however misguided and misapplied it might be.

**Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor**



**TOMMY RICH**



**ERNIE LADD VS. TONY ATLAS**

**MEMPHIS, TN:** This story doesn't make me especially happy. I remember pumping Tommy Rich as a rising superstar, a kid who couldn't miss. You know the type. Their faces are freshly scrubbed, their bodies devoid of scars, their minds innocent, their hearts pure. You wonder how they could miss reaching the stars. Then one day you look up and the faces are twisted into bitterness, the bodies beaten by battle, the mind conniving, the hearts ruthless. You look at a kid like Tommy Rich, a youngster who could've had it all, and then he's a rulebreaker, a brawler, a bum. And you just wonder what it all means, and who's going to win after all.

**TAMPA, FL:** Just when I thought I'd heard the last of the Dusty Rhodes-Harley Race feud, here we go again. Reportedly Race now dares Rhodes to wrestle him again. True to his vow, Rhodes refuses to do it. Now who's in the right in this case, anyhow? A strong case could be made for Rhodes. He claims Race has cheated him out of many title wins. And after their last brawl, Rhodes simply wants nothing to do with Race. As for Harley, he still considers The American Dream his principal contender. Any title defenses which ignore Rhodes undercuts Race's contention he's wrestling the best around. In this instance, I think Rhodes should wrestle the champ. If you want to be a champion, you gotta bite the bullet.

**NEW YORK, NY:** Poor Ernie Ladd. Thinks he can come right into the WWF and terrorize Tony Atlas, does he? Well, Ladd may have taken on a bit more than even a man of his size can handle. This is supposed to be home sweet home for me, right? Thought Morgy and Kate would let me stay in their apartment, right? Things were fine until the first day I forgot to use a coaster for my coffee. Then I used ketchup on Kate's eggs, mortally offending her. The final crime of which I am guilty is spilling Scotch on their new couch. They went berserk and assaulted the living room with Ajax. Hadda leave, I mean, clean is clean, but this is ridiculous. So, off to live with Stu Saks. □



# HOTSEAT

## GENE ANDERSON: "PITY THE MEN WHO BETRAYED ME!"

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED  
BY PETER KING

**W**ITH A WAVE of outlandish boasts and shrewd guidance, he has swiftly become the top manager in the Mid-Atlantic area. At the same time, he maintains commitments in Atlanta, specifically the war against his brother, Lars. Yet he is not merely another loudmouthed manager of rulebreakers. This man is brilliant, capable of devising the most fiendish tactics known to modern man. He is tough and wise. Above all, he is ruthlessly determined to impose his own brand of morality upon all of professional wrestling. He is Ole Anderson.

**Q:** Where would you like to begin, Gene? Perhaps a discussion of the feud with your brother Lars would be a good place to start.

**A:** Brother Lars? I have no brother Lars.

**Q:** Have you and Ole thrown him out of the family?

**A:** We did nothing of the kind. By his disgusting treachery, that man showed he isn't worthy of the family named Anderson. He's brought shame and disgrace to our reputation and the only way to regain our honored place in wrestling is to destroy that man once and for all.

**Q:** Is there no hope for a peaceful resolution?

**A:** None. It has gone too far. There is no turning back. Only that man's blood on our hands will satisfy me and Ole. It's sad he did it. But now we must act.

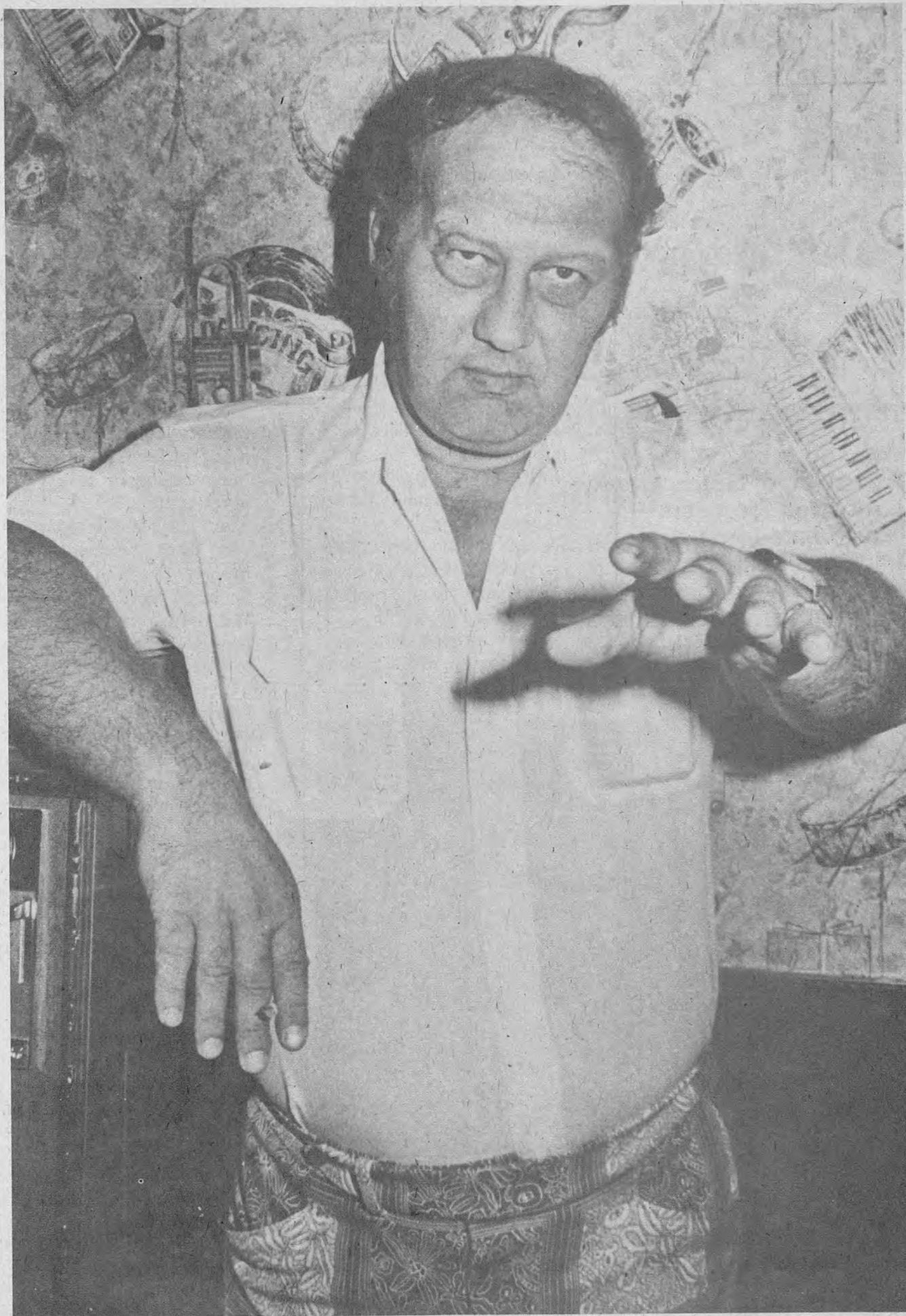
**Q:** Don't you have sympathy for his reasoning in saving Dusty Rhodes, a friend?

**A:** Blood is thicker than water. A brother should never attack a brother.

**Q:** But you're attacking him.

**A:** That man isn't our brother anymore.

**Q:** Okay, let's focus on the Mid-Atlantic area for a while.







**“Winning is everything. Discussion of tactics are reserved for losers with time for such ridiculous talk. Winners are too busy winning to concern themselves with such infantile talk.”**



The referee appears to have lost control as Gene Anderson holds Mr. Wrestling down and Ole stomps away. Gene will not be satisfied until he can get brother Lars into that same predicament.

What's your assessment of the title reign, thus far, of your men Ray Stevens and Jimmy Snuka?

A: Great, great men willing to listen and absorb genius.

Q: Could you be more specific?

A: We've turned back every challenger willing to meet us. We've bashed brains, smashed skulls, and won every single bout. How much more successful can you get than that?

Q: Are you interested in merely successfully defending the tag team title or in hurting opponents?

A: Unlike other wrestlers, we're not dirty.

Q: But your men recently inflicted a serious injury on Jay Youngblood's leg?

A: He has brittle bones. Not our problem. Injuries are part of the game, simple as that. Youngblood got hurt because he's not in shape and doesn't know how to wrestle. Don't see any of my men getting

hurt, do you? That's because they're in superior condition and superbly managed.

Q: Do you subscribe to the belief winning justifies whatever means necessary?

A: Winning is everything. Discussions of tactics are reserved for losers with time for such ridiculous talk. Winners are too busy winning to concern themselves with such infantile talk.

Q: Recently one of your top wrestlers, Masked Superstar, left your...

A: Stop (laughs). Stop it, he wasn't more than a preliminary bum and someone I used to keep my wrestlers busy warming up against him in the gym.

Q: Still, Masked Superstar left you after repeated interruption by both you and Snuka on television interviews.

A: We were speaking for him because he's too damn stupid to speak for himself. Here we were, trying to give the guy a break and not let all the world know the extent of his stupidity, and he rewards our kindness by turning on us. Makes you wonder.

Q: What do you plan on doing about him now?

A: Well, we don't devote a lotta time to worrying about a slob who can't find his way into the ring without help. I figure a few more beatings and he'll come running back with his mask between his legs.

Q: Would you ever take him back?

A: No. I don't like traitors.

Q: Speaking of men accused of betrayal, you have been knocking Paul Jones since his return to the Mid-Atlantic area as a scientific wrestler.

A: That two-faced creep. That whining, ungrateful bum. He got a lotta sound advice from me, then decides to throw his hat into the ring of such

two-faced creeps as Flair and Steamboat. Jones is another bum. He'll be gone soon. I pity him. I pity Masked Superstar. I pity the men who betrayed me!

**Q:** Another man you have been warring with is Sweet Ebony Diamond.

**A:** Man? That's using the word kinda broadly. I don't consider cowards men.

**Q:** Are you calling Diamond a coward?

**A:** I don't have to call him anything. His actions speak for themselves. He runs from a fight, hides behind the apron of other wrestlers, refuses to

wrestle fairly, what else would you call that?

**Q:** Also in your stable of wrestlers is Hussein Arab, who just lost the Mid-Atlantic title to Rick Steamboat.

**A:** A great, great wrestler. He's a real champion. Even Steamboat admits he stole the title.

**Q:** Is Hussein the type of wrestler you respect?

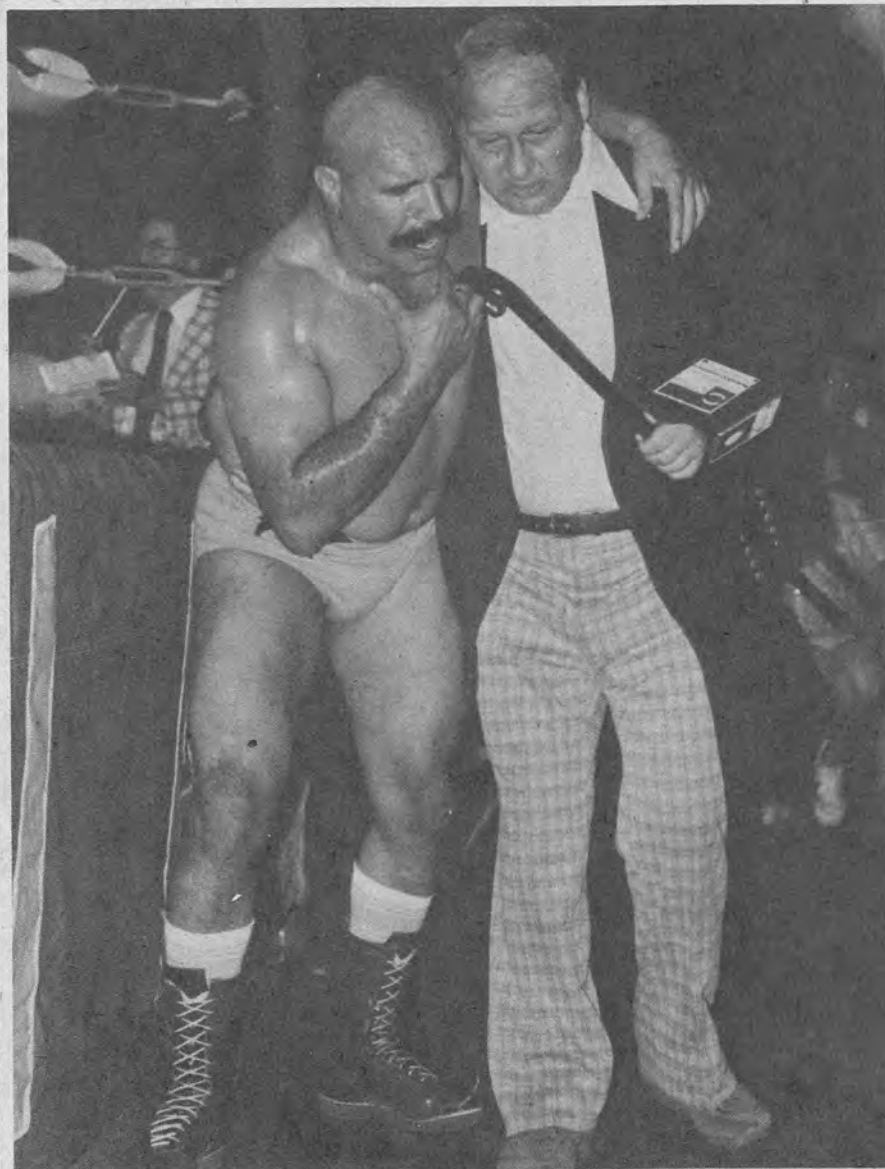
**A:** Absolutely. He's tough and afraid of no one. He won't shrink from a fight, unlike Flair and Steamboat. And he's got a world of talent. Yup, Arab is a great wrestler who, under my guidance, will



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Anderson helps Hussein Arab to the dressing room for medical attention after Arab's loss to Rick Steamboat. The belt wrapped around Anderson's arm would eventually be turned over to the winner.

get only better and better.

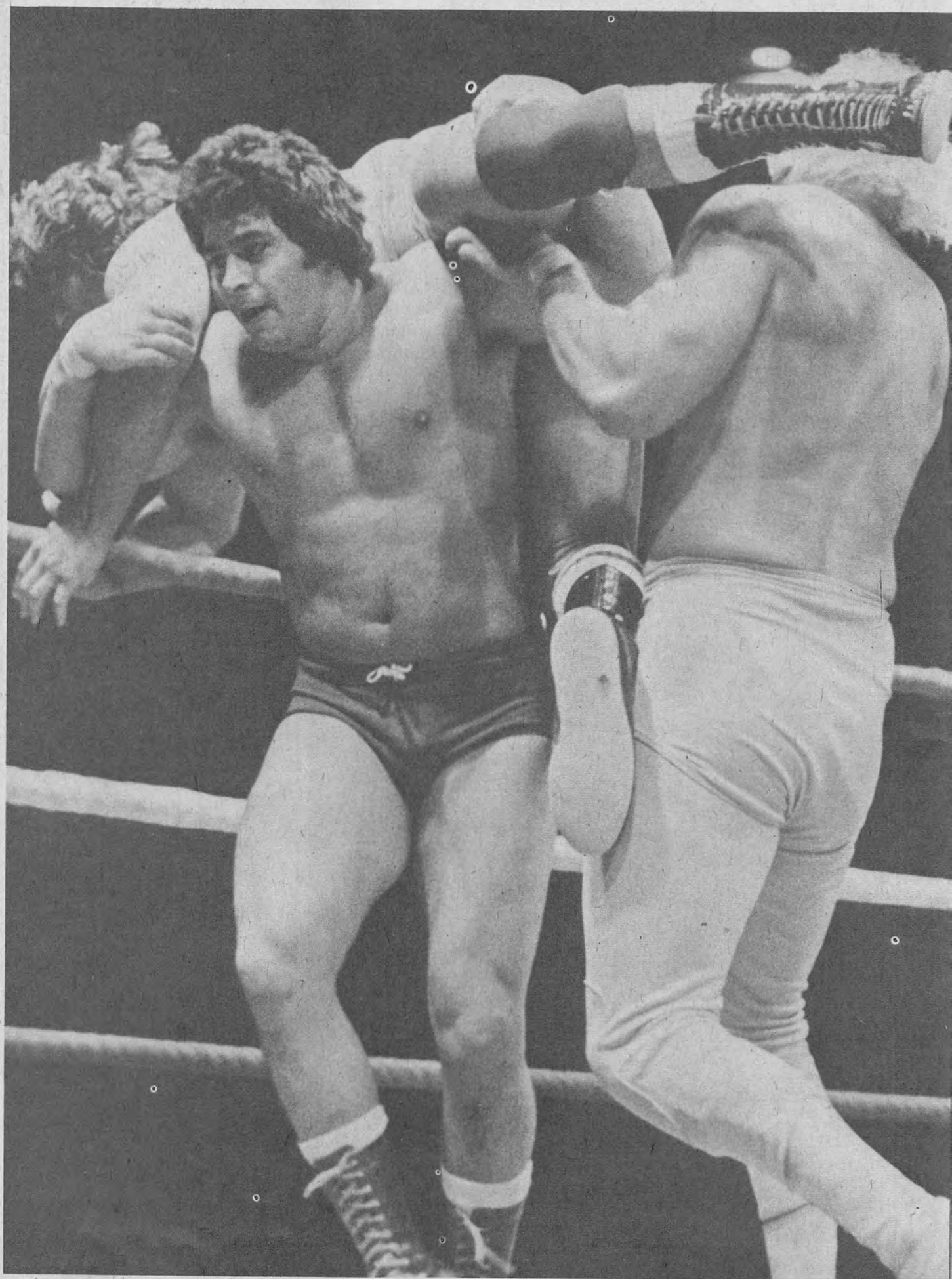
**Q** There's a couple of new wrestlers in the area, Ivan Koloff and Roddy Piper. Would you care to offer an opinion on them?

**A:** Ivan's a fine man, much misunderstood. He's damn proud of his nation and damn proud of his wrestling abilities. I look for Koloff to sweep through the Mid-Atlantic, destroying men in his path. As for Roddy, he's a fine guy, good, steady wrestler, knows how to take out a man with a devastating blow.

**Q:** What do you foresee in the near future for Gene Anderson?

**A:** First destroy that traitorous Lars. Next win all the rest of the Mid-Atlantic titles. And then I'll be ready to impose my idea of wrestling. □





When all else fails, turn to yourself. That's the lesson Dino Bravo had to learn. He had no other choice. It was fight by himself or face complete destruction. This young man's faith and courage furnishes a real testament to courage, in and out of the ring

Jesse Ventura attempts to free Adrian Adonis from Dino Bravo's airplane spin.

PHOTOS BY BOB RUIZ

# DINO BRAVO-

**T**HE PHONE RECEIVER was placed gently back in its cradle. Dino Bravo got up from his seat and started to pace the room. Suddenly, his fist smashed into the wall, crashing through the plaster.

Kid's stuff, Dino told himself. A professional doesn't do stunts like this. It doesn't matter how desperately he wants a match, a professional doesn't get stupid. This is stupid, Dino told himself.

Call back, he instructed himself. Tell them to call the match off. Dino stared out of his picture window. He didn't see anything, for his mind was filled with images of what might happen. He saw himself being mauled by AWA tag team champions Jesse Ventura and Adrian Adonis. He also saw there was no one to help him. It was like a nightmare. Dino smiled mirthlessly. He had forced himself into a living nightmare.

Dino Bravo had agreed to wrestle Adonis and Ventura by himself. He was to become his own tag team. His partner had been injured and couldn't show. No other partner could be found. That meant the match would be cancelled.

Dino couldn't allow the match to be cancelled. He had waited too long to get that pair in a

match. There was only one possible way to have the match. Dino agreed to wrestle the champions by himself. The promoter tried to discourage him; it was too dangerous. The more the promoter argued, the louder Dino insisted. Finally, the promoter agreed.

After the conversation, Dino realized the importance of his decision. Ventura and Adonis were savage grapplers, men who enjoyed torturing their opponents. Against only one man, they'd be at their most brutal. After all, it's an insult for Dino to even consider he might beat the both of them. Ventura and Adonis would be determined to show what happens to people who insult them.

Later that night, Dino lay down on his bed and made peace with his decision. The most important thing was to wrestle Ventura and Adonis. If he cancelled the match, for whatever reason, the champions would call him a coward. That was worse than any bodily injury he could suffer. It was a bad situation, but there was no way out of it. He had to wrestle the pair. Dino didn't sleep very well that night.

The next morning, Dino started mapping out strategies.

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## — A — ONE-MAN TAG TEAM



# INSIDE WRESTLING'S

# OFFICIAL RATINGS

These Ratings Are Compiled With The Assistance Of Top Wrestlers, Promoters, And Reporters. They Are Universally Accepted As Official

## World

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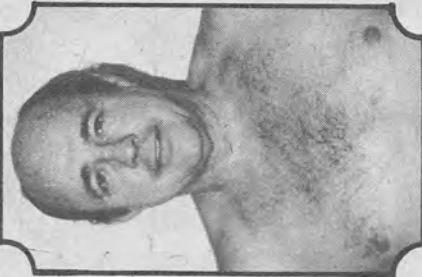


Champion:  
BOB BACKLUND



1—KILLER KHAN

## American Wrestling Association



Champion:  
VERNE GAGNE



1—NICK BOCKWINKEL

## National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:  
HARLEY RACE

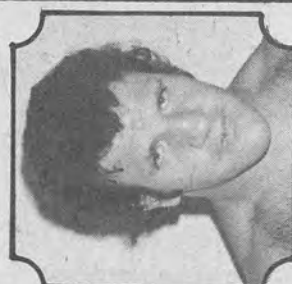


1—GREG VALENTINE

## Most Popular Wrestlers



1—ANDRE THE GIANT



2—BRUNO SAMMARTINO

## Most Hated Wrestlers



1—TOMMY RICH



2—LARRY ZBYSZKO

## Tag Teams



1—RAY STEVENS & JIMMY SNUKA





2—SGT. SLAUGHTER



3—HULK HOGAN

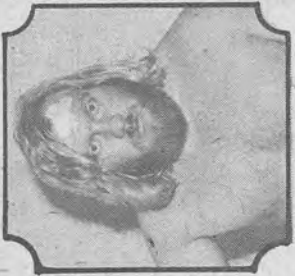


4—KEN PATERA

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- 6—LARRY ZBYSZKO
- 7—PAT PATTERSON
- 8—STAN HANSEN
- 9—TONY GAREA
- 10—RICK MARTEL



2—CRUSHER  
BLACKWELL



3—JOHN STUDD



4—DINO BRAVO

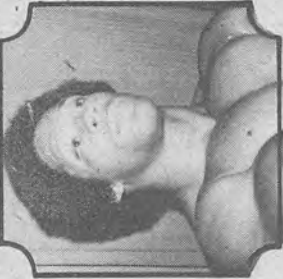
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- 7—ADRIAN ADONIS
- 8—TITO SANTANA
- 9—GREG GAGNE
- 10—JESSE VENTURA



2—DUSTY RHODES



3—RICK STEAMBOAT



4—TONY ATLAS

- 5—DICK SLATER
- 6—MASKED  
GRAPPLER
- 7—KEN PATERA
- 8—TERRY FUNK
- 9—TED DIBIASE
- 10—LES THORNTON



3—DUSTY RHODES



4—MIL MASCARAS



5—BOB BACKLUND

- 6—RICK STEAMBOAT
- 7—PEDRO MORALES
- 8—WAHOO  
McDANIEL
- 9—DINO BRAVO
- 10—DAVID VON ERICH



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GRAPPLER

- 7—BOBBY JAGGERS
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& ADRIAN ADONIS

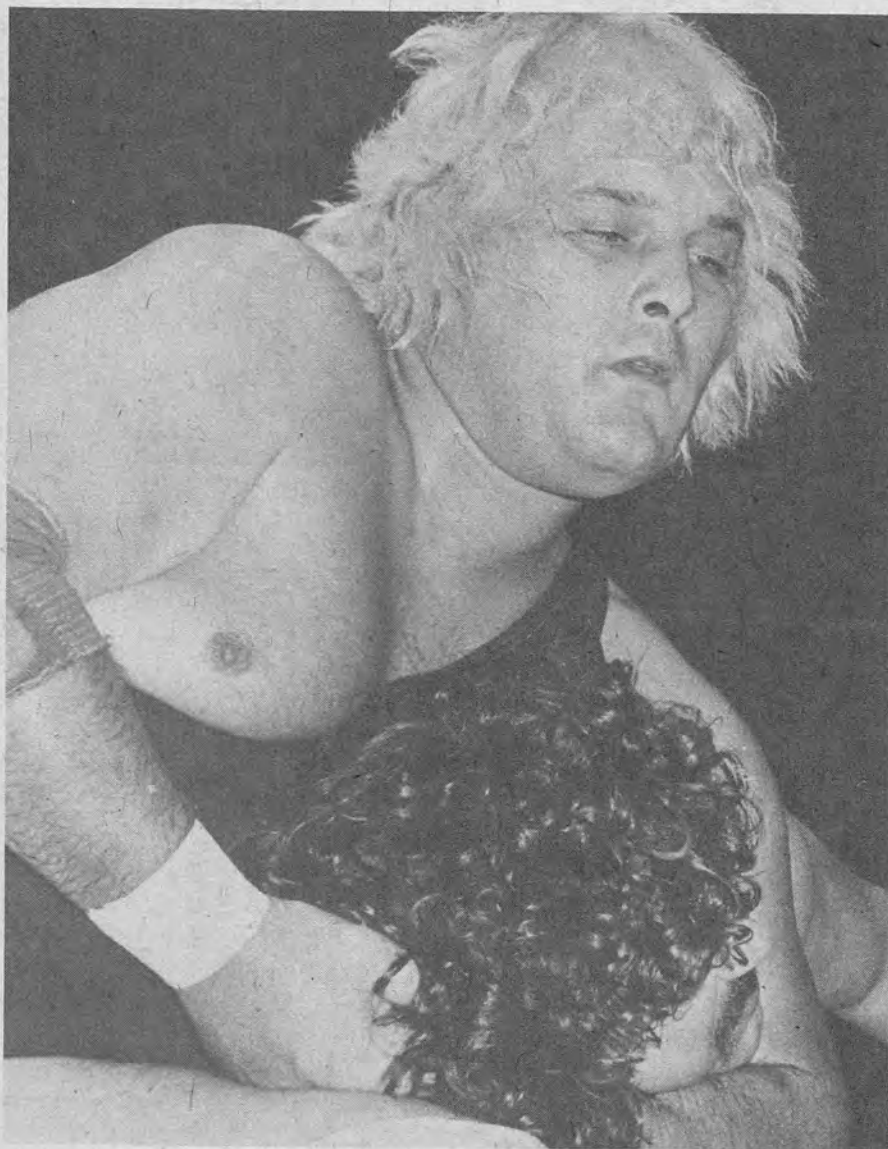


4—THE FREEBIRDS

- 5—THE SHEEP-  
HERDERS
- 6—BARRY WINDHAM  
& SCOTT MCGEE
- 7—THE MOONDOGS
- 8—KILLER BROOKS &  
STAN STASIAK
- 9—TOMMY & EDDIE  
GILBERT
- 10—TONY GAREA &  
RICK MARTEL



# BEWARE!!!



# THIS MAN IS NOT DUSTY RHODES!

**A** LITTLE BOY went crying to his mother.

"Dusty Rhodes," he whispered, "wouldn't sign my autograph book. He said I reeked of popcorn and lollipops and attracted flies. He told me to first take a bath and then play in traffic."

The mother was stunned. For years, she had been Dusty Rhodes' fan. She knew Dusty as a kind and considerate person. That's why she sent her son to Dusty for his first autograph. Dusty would make the child feel welcome.

Instead, the boy had been cruelly insulted. The kind of cheap insults hurled by the grappling superstar were beneath him. Enraged, the woman stalked toward Rhodes, determined to give him a piece of her mind.

She was about 10 feet from the grappler when she stopped dead. Something was wrong. From a distance, she had thought the man was Dusty Rhodes. Now, closer, she wasn't sure. Certainly, he looked like her hero, but not exactly. Slowly, she got closer. The man sneered. Then his expression changed to puzzlement when the woman responded with a huge smile.

"You're not Dusty Rhodes!" she exclaimed.

"Of course I am! Do your eyes function as badly as your brain?"

She looked puzzled. "Who are you? Really?"

"I'm Dusty Rhodes!"

All of a sudden the woman's expression clouded. "Does Dusty know what you're doing? Why are you trying to ruin his fine reputation?"

"To hell with his reputation," was the cold reply.

The woman was horrified. "Why would you want to destroy something so fine? Millions of people love Dusty."

"I must not be a nice person."

"Who are you and what are you doing this for?"

The man who looks like Dusty Rhodes turned and walked away. As he left, he heard the woman cry, "You should be ashamed of yourself!" The man laughed, the kind of laugh that finds humor in misery.

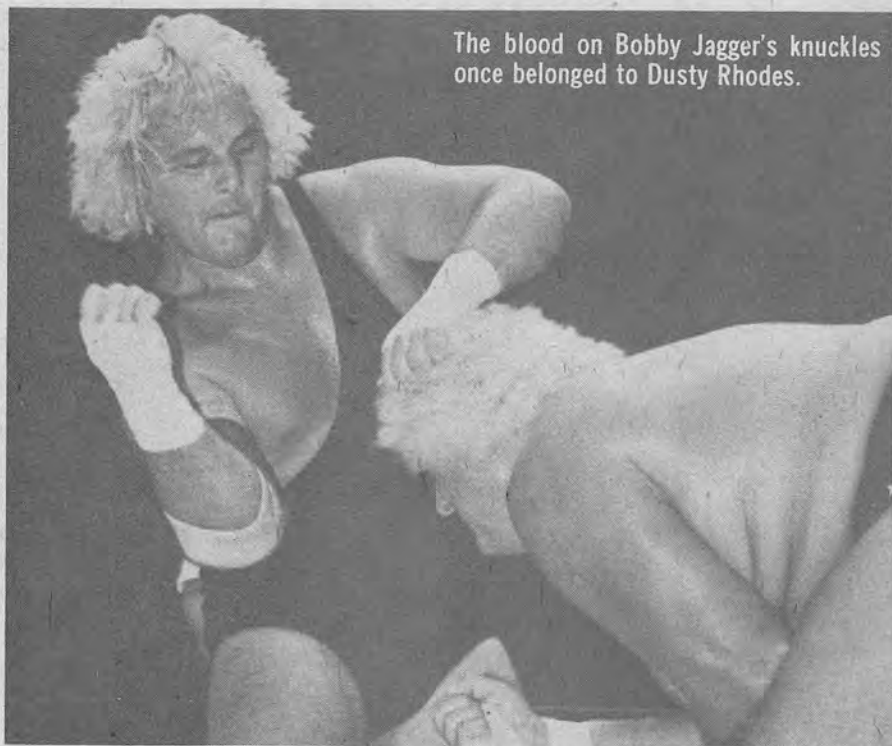
All over the South, this incident is being repeated. People approach Dusty Rhodes only to find themselves humiliated and insulted. Some of them realize it's not really Dusty who is treating them in this ugly manner. Many of them go away thinking there has been some horrible change in Dusty Rhodes.

It's about time the fans met the man who is trying to ruin the reputation of Dusty Rhodes. His name is Bobby Jagers, and he's everything Dusty is not. He's a mean, savage grappler who thinks victory means crippling an opponent. There's no way a decent person could choose this man as their hero.

As Jagers tells it, and in this there's no reason to think he's lying, he didn't intend to destroy the fans' love for Dusty. He doesn't even think there's a resemblance. "I'm much better looking than Rhodes," he believes.

The fans were the ones who found the resemblance. They started asking Jagers for his autograph, thinking he was Dusty Rhodes. Instinctively, Bobby told them to take a hike. When he saw their crestfallen expressions, he decided to have some fun with the coincidence. It's Jagers' idea of fun to break a fan's heart.

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The blood on Bobby Jager's knuckles once belonged to Dusty Rhodes.

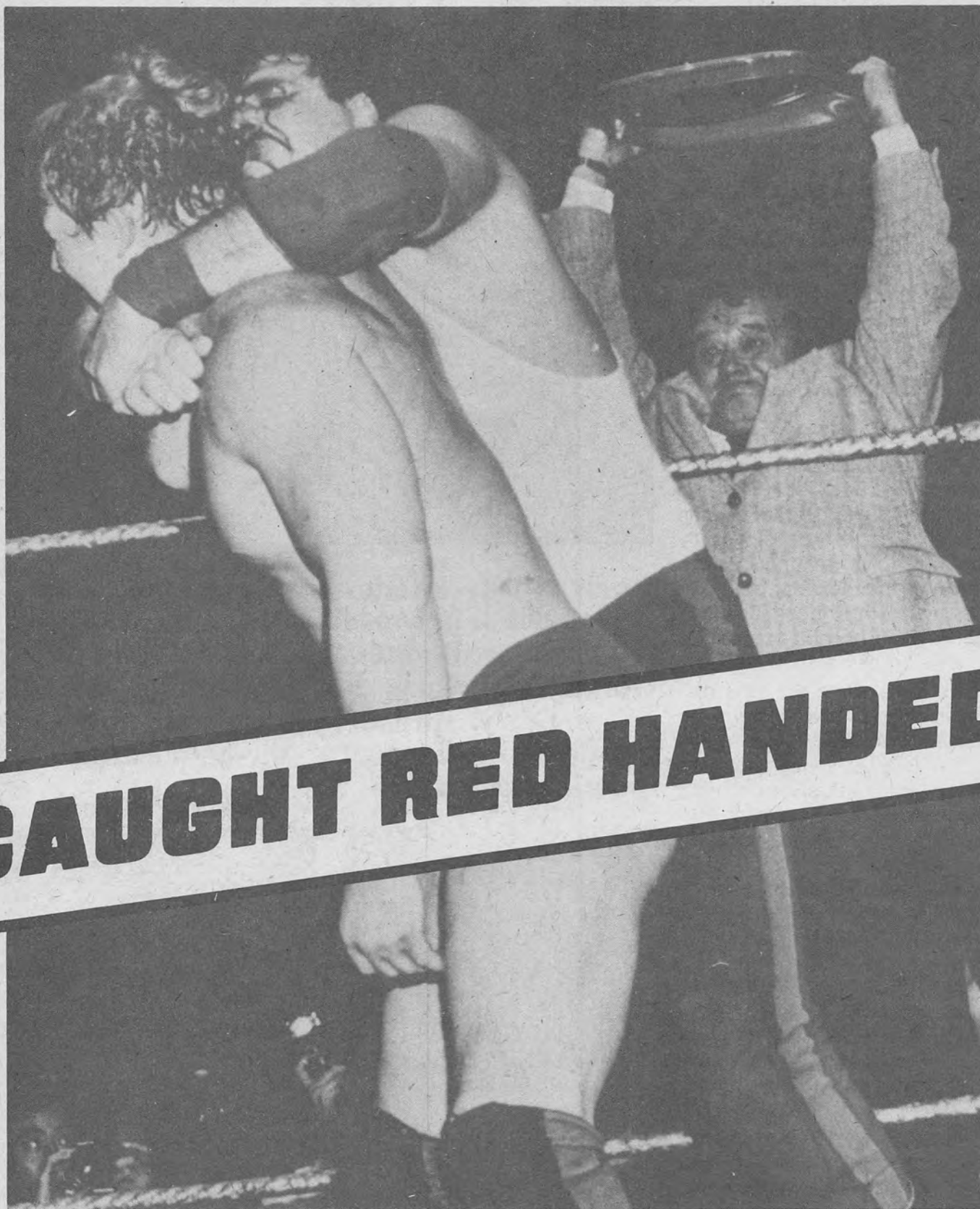
**Surely, Dusty Rhodes is one of the unique personalities in wrestling. That anyone could ever pose as Rhodes is surely amazing. Yet a Florida rulebreaker has been passing himself off as Dusty, spreading poisonous lies and creating an evil image of the man all call The American Dream**

PHOTOS BY PAUL BAUMAN



Though they bear a striking physical resemblance, any similarity between Rhodes and Jagers ceases the minute they start to wrestle. Jagers rips open Dusty's forehead (above left) and pounds away with his right fist (above right).





**CAUGHT RED HANDED**

**BACKLUND'S TITLE SAVED  
BY ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE!**

## Has Bob Backlund succumbed to illegality to save his WWF title? Many who attended the recent championship match between Backlund and Sgt. Slaughter swear Backlund's manager Arnold Skoaland had to save the young champion from certain defeat

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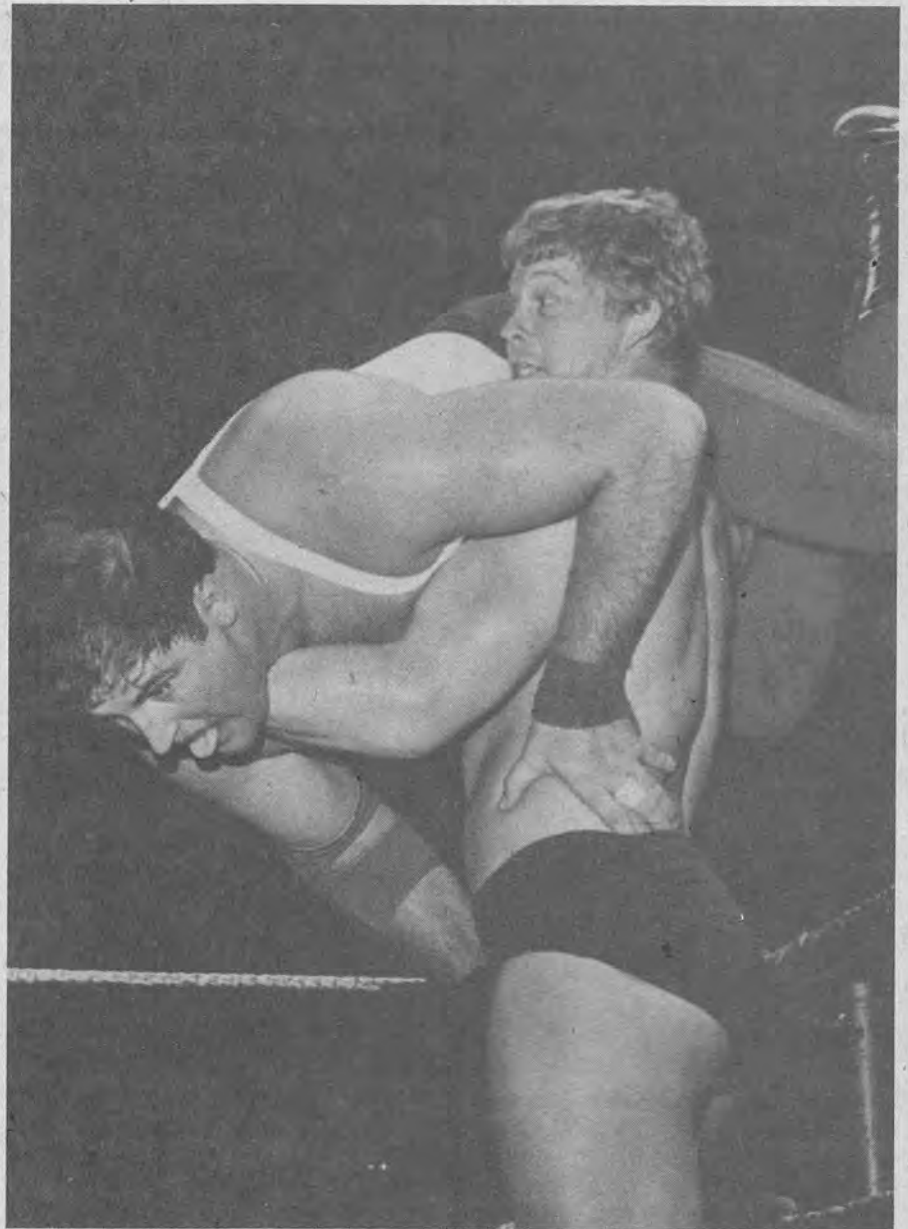
**T**HE BLOODY FACE of Sgt. Slaughter glistened crimson throughout Madison Square Garden. Even veteran wrestling fans were horrified by the bloody sight. The only person not disgusted was Slaughter himself. He was looking for revenge.

Supposedly, Slaughter's opponent was WWF champion Bob Backlund. Yet, there was something inside Slaughter that didn't think about who the opponent was, how best to defeat him. Roaring in a blind rage, Slaughter only wanted to destroy.

Reeling in pain and anger, Slaughter came near Arnold Skoaland. The grappler went out on the ring apron and kicked Skoaland in the head. The manager, stunned, collapsed from the blow. It was an ugly thing to do, the kind of maneuver one would expect from a wounded animal.

As Skoaland lay bleary and barely conscious, Slaughter went after Backlund. Using a series of maneuvers not found in any book on wrestling (or even jungle fighting), Slaughter captured Backlund in a cobra hold. The ex-Marine Slaughter was a study in ferocity as he squeezed the champion's head. Backlund struggled to escape, but the hold just seemed to get tighter.

Some ringsiders say Backlund might have eventually escaped. Others say Slaughter was moments away from defeating his foe, moments away from becoming the WWF champion. Then, from seemingly nowhere, Arnold



What provoked Arnold Skoaland to hit Sgt. Slaughter from behind with a chair (opposite page)? Was he retaliating for being kicked by Slaughter moments earlier or was he trying to save Bob Backlund's championship? Backlund is in control of the match (above).

Skoaland came bursting into the ring. Brandishing a chair, he smashed it over Slaughter's head. The sickening crack of metal on skull could be heard throughout the arena. Slaughter released his hold.

Of course, that was the end of the bout. Backlund was

disqualified for outside interference. Slaughter and his manager Grand Wizard were furious. The title can't change on a disqualification and Slaughter wasn't the champion.

"We've been robbed!" Grand Wizard screamed moments

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# NEWS FROM THE

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## NEW YORK, NY



**KEN PATERA**  
vs.  
**PEDRO MORALES**



Inter-Continental champion Ken Patera faced a stiff challenge from former WWF champion Pedro Morales. An altercation before the opening bell forced Patera back into his dressing room. When he returned, the bout immediately erupted into viciousness. Patera and Morales exchanged a volley of punches and, in the process, the referee was knocked over the ropes trying to stop the brawl. The referee was forced to disqualify both wrestlers.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Pat Patterson and Dusty Rhodes won one fall in a curfew-limited match against The Samoans, who retained their WWF tag team belts . . .

## MILWAUKEE, WI

By Peter Jasen *a Diner's*



**CRUSHER**  
vs.  
**JERRY BLACKWELL**



Another match, to determine who the real "Crusher" is took place in a bout pitting The Crusher against Jerry Blackwell. The Crusher took an early advantage, but Blackwell took out a foreign object concealed in his fist and carved Crusher's forehead. That incensed Crusher, who seized the object and carved Blackwell's face until blood poured down his body. Then Crusher delivered his famous bolo punch to earn a bloody triumph.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Nick Bockwinkel and Bobby Heenan whipped Mad Dog Vachon and Super Destroyer II . . . Jesse Ventura lost by disqualification to Dino Bravo . . . Tito Santana toppled Adrian Adonis.

## ST. LOUIS, MO

By Steve Dawson



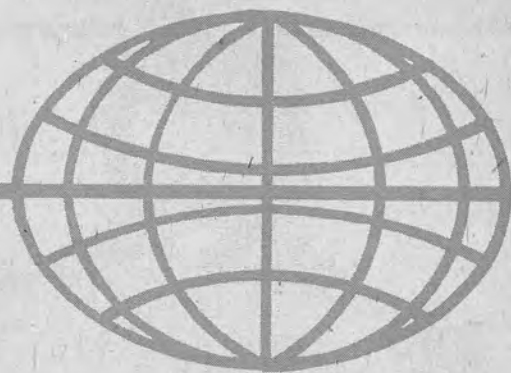
**RIC FLAIR**  
vs.  
**BRUISER**



It was a thrilling night of action as the main event pitted Ric "Nature Boy" Flair against Dick the Bruiser. Little scientific wrestling occurred in this bout as both men went for each other's throats. After a while it seemed a series of increasingly violent maneuvers might lead to someone being permanently injured. Despite the furious pace of action, neither man could finish off his foe. Finally, the match ran into a draw, a fitting conclusion to an absolutely thrilling bout.

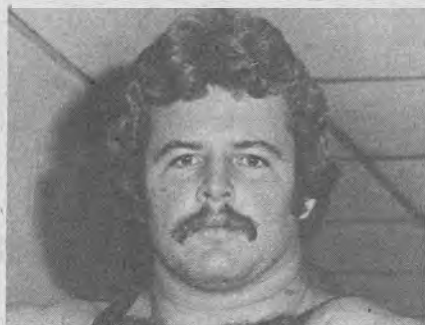
**OTHER BOUTS:** Ted DiBiase beat King Kong Brodie with a reverse rolling cradle . . . Rufus R. Jones and Kevin Von Erich won by disqualification over Mike George and Bob Sweetan . . .

# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## ORLANDO, FL

By Earl Rood



**MIKE GRAHAM  
vs.  
BOBBY JAGGERS**



The main event was a match between Mike Graham and Bobby Jagers. In Graham's corner was Sir Oliver Humperdink. In the opposing corner, Lord Al Hays. Upset over Jagers' dirty tricks, Graham tried to break Bobby's leg with a figure-four. Jagers got out of the hold by using every dirty trick in the book. Eventually both managers became embroiled. Hays put a pair of brass knuckles in Jagers' hand, angering Humperdink. Oliver hit Jagers in the head with his cane, knocking him cold and enabling Graham to score the victory.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Buggy McGraw whipped Dick Slater . . . Dick Murdoch beat Nikolai Volkoff . . .

## KNOXVILLE, TN

By Curtis Graham



**PAUL JONES  
vs.  
IVAN KOLOFF**



Popular Paul Jones battled "The Russian Bear," Ivan Koloff, in a really vicious brawl. Koloff controlled the first part of the match, using his tremendous strength and legendary bearhug. But Jones bounced back and broke Koloff's bearhug. The Russian suddenly went berserk and kicked Jones unmercifully. But Koloff went too far and was disqualified.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Ric Flair and U.S. Champion Greg Valentine wrestled to a one-hour draw . . . The Shepherders defeated Buzz Sawyer and Matt Borne . . . Don Kernodle whipped Ben Alexander . . . Nick DeCarlo stopped Tony Russo.

## SHREVEPORT, LA

By Doug Martin



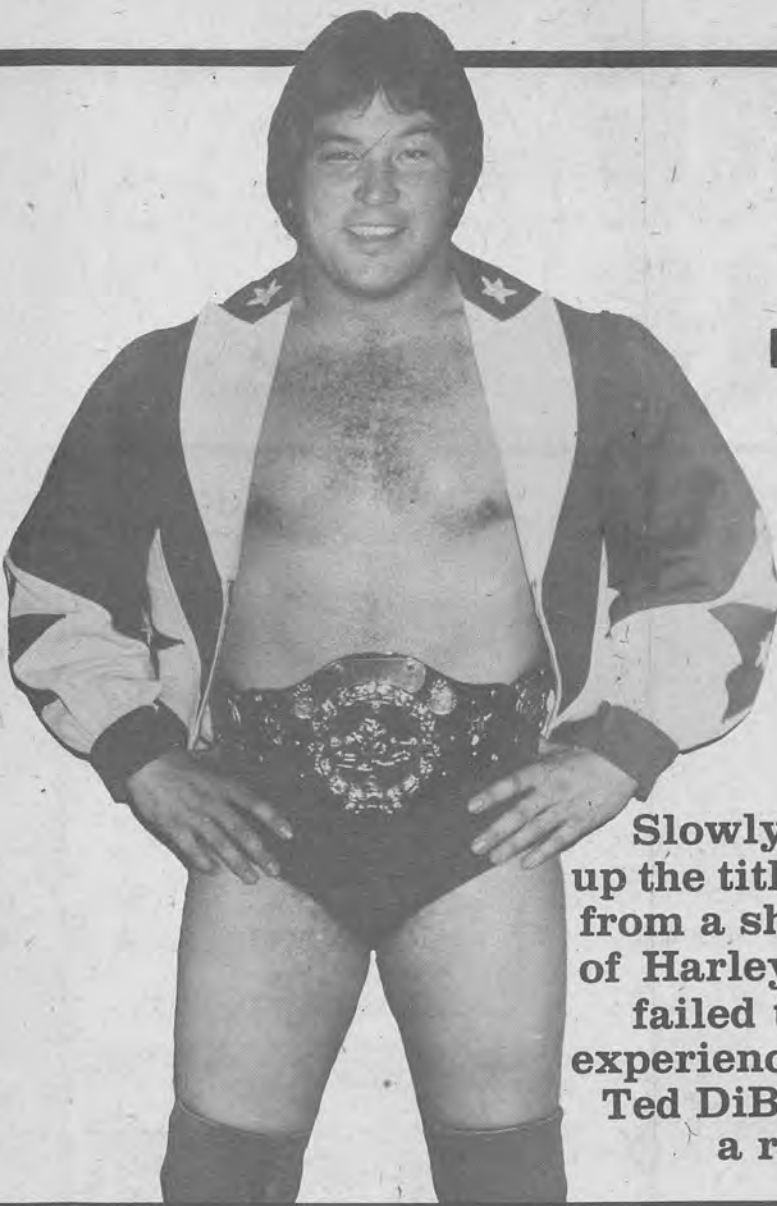
**MASKED GRAPPLER  
vs.  
KILLER KARL KOX**



A wild main event saw The Masked Grappler going against Killer Karl Kox in a real bloody match. Even before the match started, The Grappler attacked Kox with a chair. Fortunately for Kox, he missed, though that set the tempo of the bout. At one point in the match, Kox was knocked out of the ring, allowing The Grappler to load his boot and kick Kox three times. Bleeding, Kox went for The Grappler's mask. Both men were counted out before Kox could rip off the mask and reveal The Grappler's mysterious identity.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Louisiana heavy-weight champion Jake Roberts won by disqualification over Johnny Mantell . . .





# IS TED DiBIASE THE MAN TO STOP HARLEY RACE?

**Slowly, steadily, Ted DiBiase moves up the title ladder. Now he stands inches from a shot at the NWA championship of Harley Race. Others have tried and failed to grab Race's belt. Men more experienced. Men perhaps tougher. But Ted DiBiase may be the only one with a real chance to end Race's reign**

**T**ED DiBIASE HAS been dreaming for a long time.

"First time I ever laced up my boots, I dreamed of winning the heavyweight championship of the world," said DiBiase.

Ted stretched and glanced toward the dressing room door, where his crucial match would occur in a few minutes.

"Yeah, I heard all about that young punk," said Harley Race, sneaking a glance at his door. "I ain't afraid of him. To be afraid, you need something to be afraid of. Surely Ted DiBiase ain't got enough talent or brains to make me scared."

Race rose, looked at his watch, realized his crucial match would begin in a few

minutes, and started to lace up his boots.

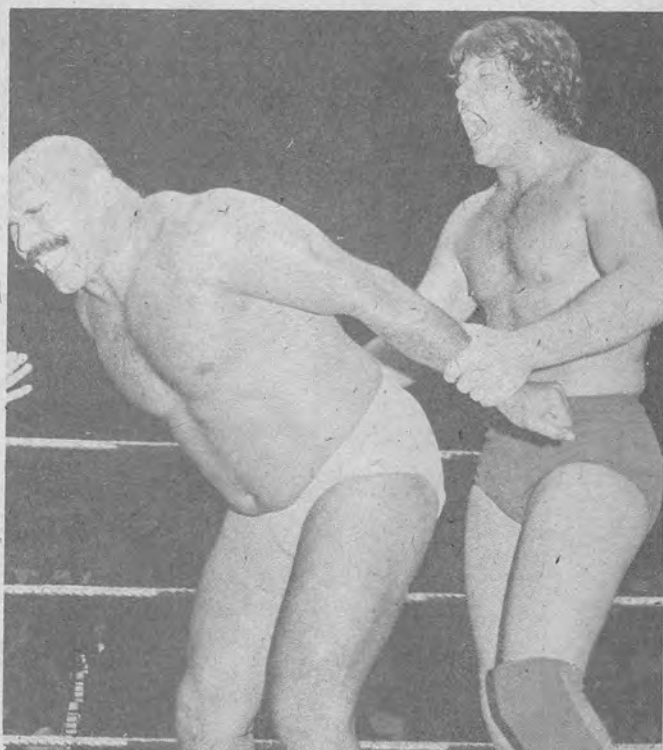
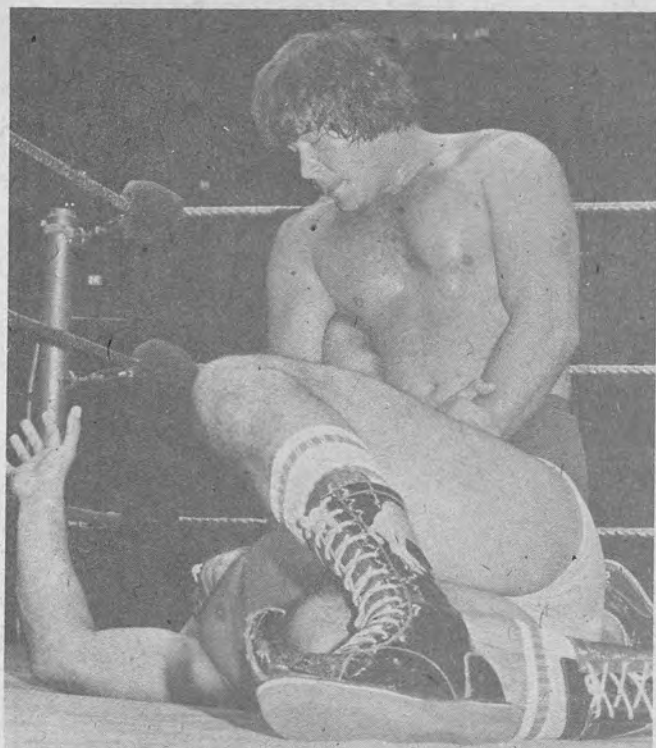
Two men on a collision course with each other—and fate. Each man consumed by thoughts of ultimate victory, plagued by doubts of possible defeat. Each man has far too much invested to permit defeat. For Ted DiBiase, defeat means a shattering epitaph to a career too young to be buried. For Harley Race, defeat means the end of his title reign, a championship he has defended with honor and courage.

"I know exactly how to wrestle him," said DiBiase, his voice soft with introspection. "I know his weaknesses and, honestly speaking, I know his strengths.

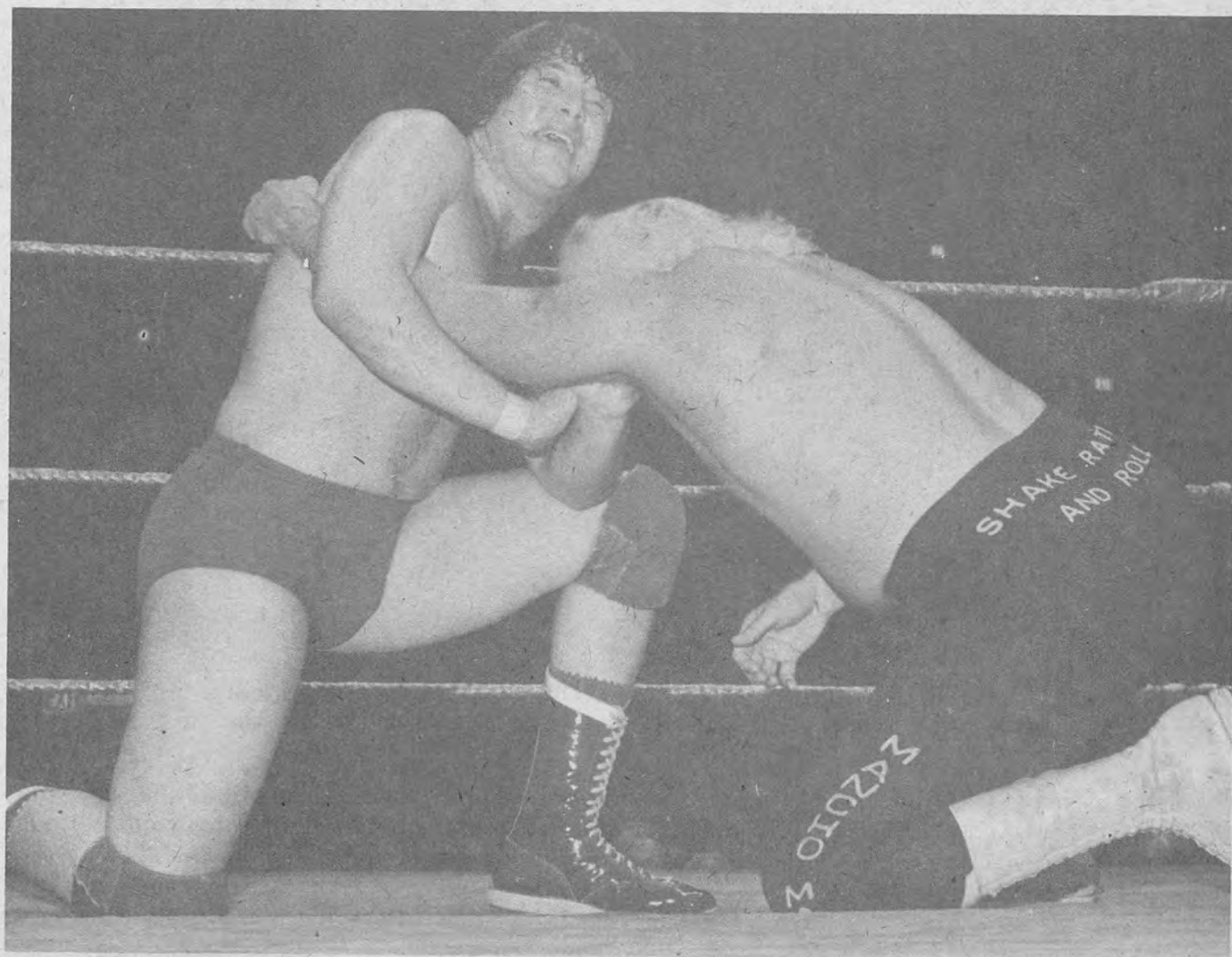
"I know what must be done to whip the man. And I think, with all due modesty, I'm the only one around who can do it." DiBiase laced another hole.

"Yeah, I look forward to whippin' that punk's butt all over the arena," snapped Race. "I don't like loud-mouthed little punks who ain't accomplished nothing in their career coming off and thinking they can actually challenge me.

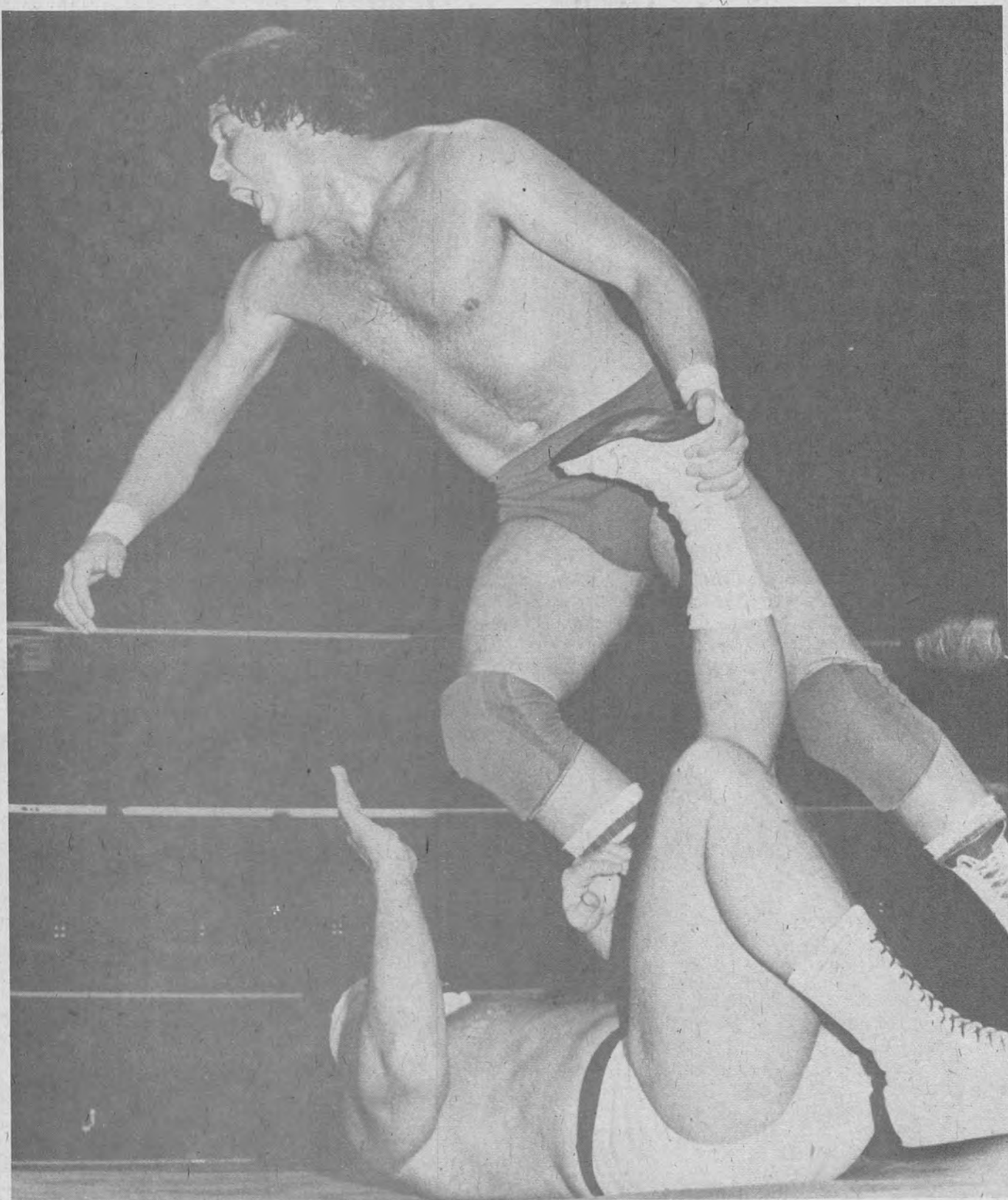
"Who the hell does that punk think he is? I'm the NWA champ. He should kiss my feet for getting the great and grand privilege of wrestling me. I am doing him a favor. I'm giving him his big break, though he might get another kinda break before



Ted DiBiase shows Hussein Arab just how painful a properly applied figure-four armlock could be (above left). Ted twists Arab's arms (above right). DiBiase shakes, rattles, and rolls Jim Valiant (below), but the man he really wants in the ring is NWA king Harley Race.







Although tempers flared near the end, DiBiase vs. Mr. Wrestling II will be remembered as a classic confrontation. Ted executes a leg dive, a painful yet perfectly legal maneuver.

the match is over," said Race, adjusting his boots.

"Sometimes it really saddens me to see a fine wrestler like Race holding on long after his time is up," said DiBiase,

searching the interior of his locker with vague interest.

"Race should've retired a long time ago. He has nothing left, except his guts. Yes, I'll give him that much. He's a tough cookie,

shows a lot of courage, which he better if he's to avoid serious injury.

"That worries me, hurting Race. I'd feel terrible if he was

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# INSIDE WRESTLING

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## capsule profile

**F**EW EXHIBIT THE utter ruthlessness and ferocity of this veteran grappler . . . Recently he stormed through Georgia wrestling arenas (*"I love it down in Georgia, love the brawlin' and the fightin'"*) . . . His reputation as a mean man is well-deserved (*"Takes some-thin' to be tough. Just look at all my opponents. Can't call a broken man tough, can ya?"*) . . . No wrestling fan can ever forget the night he broke Bruno Sammartino's neck (*"Man, that was fun"*) . . . Has perfected the menacing Lariat Hold to painful precision (*"I love the hold. I can break any bone in a man's body with that hold. It's perfect"*) . . . Has total contempt for any graceful scientific wrestling (*"Wrestling is war, mister. Ain't no room for bums floatin' through the air"*) . . . Former professional football player eventually barred from that sport (*"I wasn't barred, I left 'cause it was too easy. Not enough contact or violence*

## STAN HANSEN



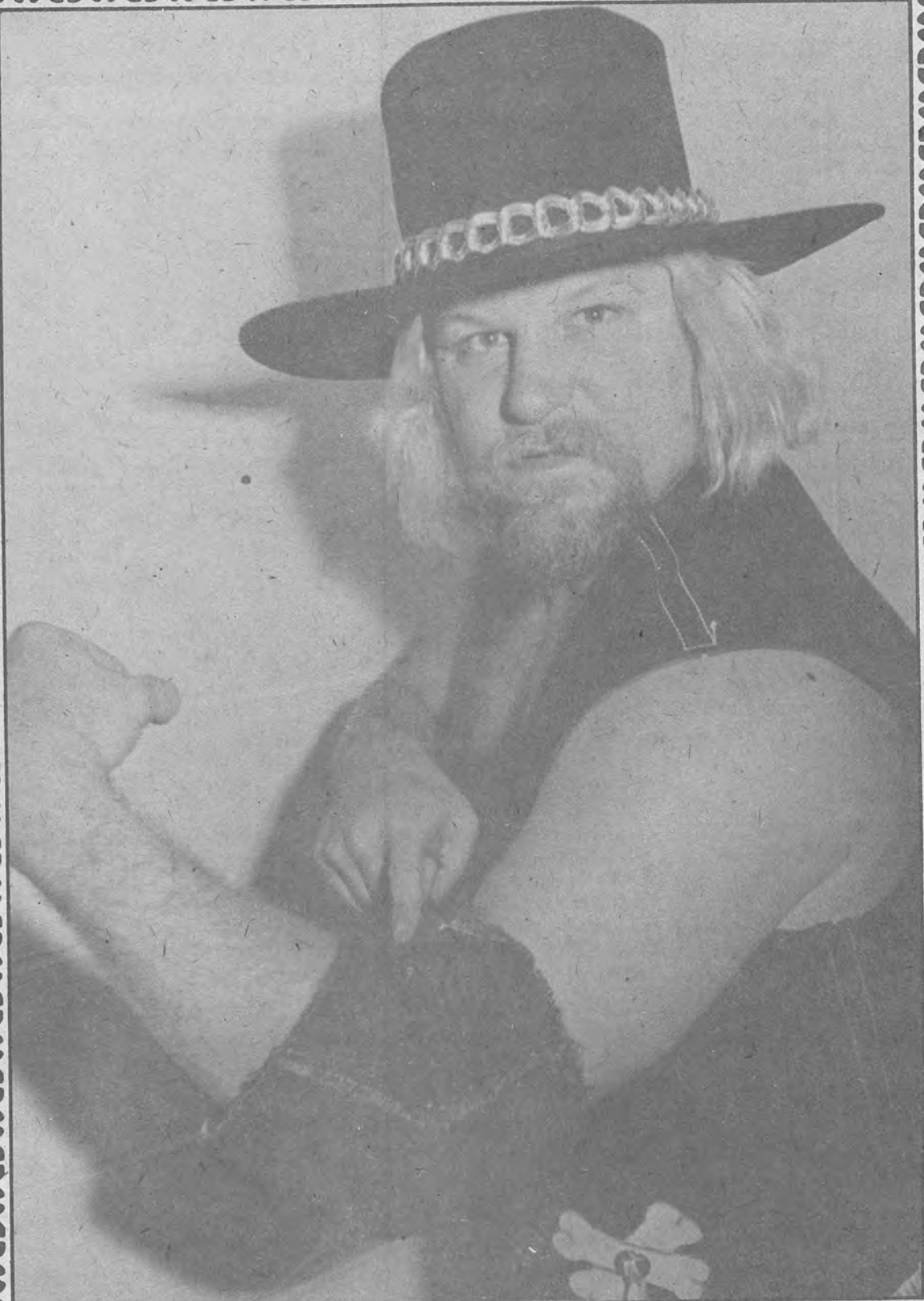
Stan Hansen grabs Tony Atlas by the throat in an attempt to break free from a bearhug. Hansen has returned to the WWF where he is best remembered for almost ending the career of Bruno Sammartino. Under the guidance of Fred Blassie, Hansen has his sights set on Bob Backlund's WWF title.

*to keep my interest and attention"*) . . . Has now entered the WWF (*"Look forward to returnin' here. Always fun to beat up on the lames in this area"*) . . . Currently managed by Fred Blassie (*"Man has guts and class. Almost as much as me"*) . . . Rumors persist Hansen may team with Blassie's other top wrestler, the Incredible Hulk Hogan (*"Hulk's a good man. Big, tough, awfully ornery and real strong. Soon as he learns from me, we'll be un-*

*beatable"*) . . . For many years wrestling fans have suspected Hansen suffers from dangerous mental instability (*"I got all my marbles. I'm as sharp as they come. Ain't nothin' wrong with me"*) . . . His ring successes are disputed by belief he places a steel object in his elbow pad (*"I don't need no foreign object to destroy a man"*) . . . Quite simply, an immensely powerful, dangerous grappler (*"Yeah, I'm the best around"*). □



## CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP



STAN HANSEN

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



## STAN HANSEN

The master of the Lariat Hold returns to the WWF, scene of some of his most famous battles, notably against Bruno Sammartino. This time around, Hansen is managed by Fred Blassie. And reports indicate Hansen may team up with the Incredible Hulk Hogan.

## EDDY MANSFIELD

The arrogant blond travels to Texas to do battle with ever-popular Wahoo McDaniel. Mansfield already vows that McDaniel will be destroyed forever. Mansfield hopes to parlay his good looks and evil spirit into top Texas contention, with an eye on a world title.

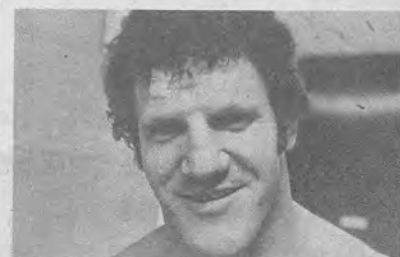


## TOMMY RICH

Rich fans may cringe when they read what has happened to their beloved favorite. Now in Memphis, Rich has turned bad. That's right, Tommy Rich, once the embodiment of scientific wrestling class, now wrestles as a rulebreaker. Thus far no one has learned the exact reasons for this stunning personality change.

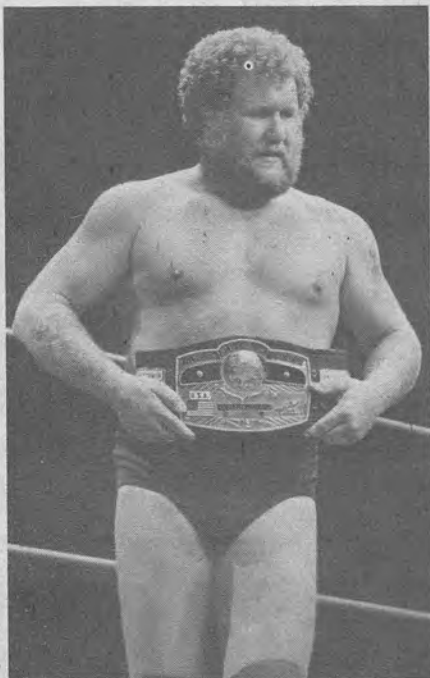
## BRUNO SAMMARTINO

After a short vacation, Sammartino returns to the WWF. Reasons for Bruno's brief absence differ from perspective to perspective. According to Bruno, he just wanted to refresh himself. But Larry Zbyszko insists he beat Bruno so badly in their steel cage match at Shea Stadium, Bruno couldn't wrestle until a lengthy hospital stay cured his wounds.





# ONE ON ONE



*(This is a most unusual edition of One on One. In the past, we have brought wrestlers and/or managers together to confront each other. This time, however, it was a wrestler who contacted us. NWA champion Harley Race asked if he and Dusty Rhodes could meet in this column so he, Race, could have the opportunity to make a stunning offer. With some reluctance, Rhodes agreed. From their respective training camps, two bitter rivals, Harley Race and Dusty Rhodes, meet on One on One.)*



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courtesy of Bell Telephone

**HARLEY RACE:**

Dusty, I'd like to thank you for accepting this offer.

**DUSTY RHODES:**

Yeah, yeah, just go ahead.

**HR:** You listening?

**DR:** Just talk, turkey, I ain't got all day.

**HR:** Well, I'd like to take this occasion to offer you another shot at my NWA title.

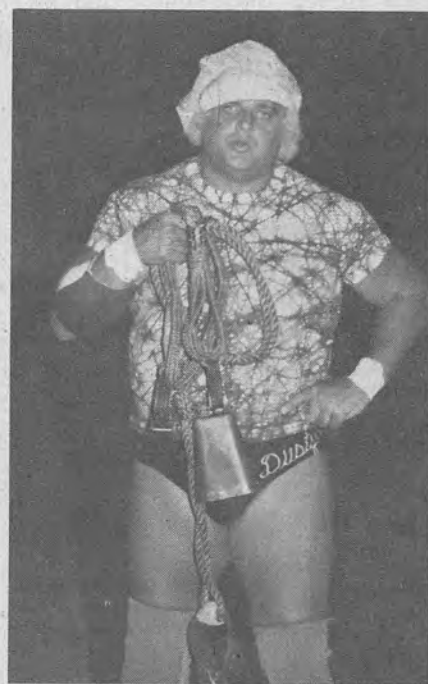
**DR:** Where's the strings?

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**HR:** No strings.

**DR:** I don't believe that.

**HR:** Why not?

**DR:** 'Cause you've driven the blade up my back one too many times, Race. You set me up, cheated me, deprived me of a title I won on a lotta occasions. Hell, why should I trust you? How do I know you ain't got one of your henchmen standin' off the ring waitin' to rush in the

second you get in trouble. How do I know you ain't paid off the ref so he'll look the other way when you break the rules.

**HR:** There's no catch, Rhodes.

**DR:** Then why ya doin' it?

**HR:** Because you deserve it.

**DR:** That's right, turkey. But no there's no way I'm gonna give you the boost to get a title match against me. Everyone in Florida knows you're

slippin'. You're about ready to fold over and die. And you need my magic name to hype the match. That's what this is all about. You're tryin' to use me and my rep. Well, buster, it ain't gonna work. I got my pride, a pride you stomped on too many times for me to just forget about it.

**HR:** Dusty, Dusty, we're professionals. We can't deny the fans their right to see the very best NWA title match around. We have an obligation to our public.

**DR:** And what about an obligation to me? I give my all for the fans, and I don't like you sayin' otherwise.

**HR:** I'm not.

**DR:** Yes, you are. You're tryin' to paint me as a guy who's  
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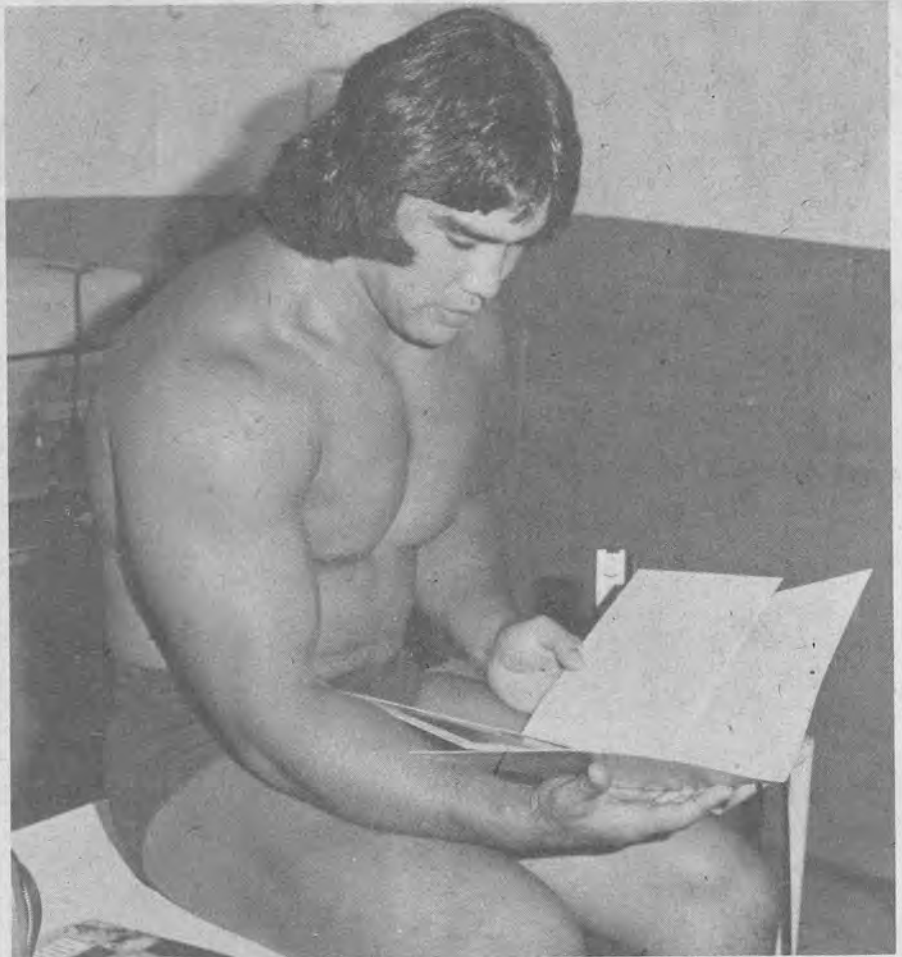
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## ON THE ROAD

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During Steamboat's worst feuds with Ric Flair, now a friend, and Ernie Ladd, still an enemy, he didn't seek mutilation as a method to resolving the war.

"No, if I do that, then I'm no better than they are, right? How can you call someone an animal and then behave like an animal? I don't care what the provocation might be. You end up in the gutter and you can't claim any better word for yourself than animal. Nope, I can't do that.

"I must do it my way. I must exact my own brand of vengeance. Look, an animal like Hussein Arab doesn't really care about pain. Whether it's his leg that's broken or another man's leg, it doesn't matter to him because he has no sense of morals, no value system, only cruelty.

"All that matters to a thing like him is winning. And the best way

Trying to relax before the championship bout, Steamboat thumbs through some photos sent by a fan.

to injure him is to take away something he values. That's why winning this belt means so much.

"Maybe before Jay's injury I would've been more concerned about winning a major title and all that means. All my fans know how important a title is to me. Heck, that's what gets you out of bed in the morning.

"But sometimes you face a choice which makes you decide between yourself and another person. Sometimes you have to push aside selfish considerations and focus on what is really important. And a friendship goes on long after a belt is rusty and old.

"This one's for Jay." Steamboat shook the Mid-Atlantic belt and smiled tightly. ☐

# BEHIND THE DOOR

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wrestler like they did to Rich. But then rarely does such a young, good-looking wrestler with skills, speed, and strength come along. In 1976, *Inside Wrestling* presented Rich with a trophy proclaiming him "Future Champion." It was the first and last time that award was given, but it was unanimously agreed by the editors that Tommy couldn't miss.

He may win the world championship yet, but if he does, it will be without the blessing of the fans. Based on the past month's mail, Rich has been ranked number one on *Inside Wrestling's* Most Hated list. A few months ago, Rich left Georgia, seemingly frustrated with his failure to capture the NWA title from Harley Race. Now, it seems, that was only part of the reason.

The primary reason Rich left Georgia was because he couldn't turn on those who loved him. If he was to change to rulebreaker, it would have to be done in a new area.

Tommy, of course, denies this. He talks as though he has no regard for his fans—or former fans. And it may be true. Based on my limited knowledge of psychology, I would say that it is entirely possible that Tommy has forced himself to hate his old fans as a means of justifying his actions inside the ring. Where Tommy and myself were once close friends, he now treats me like any other reporter. It is truly remarkable that one could make such a mental transition, though the same thing happened to Larry Zbyszko. Where once these men needed the acceptance of the fans, that need vanished with time. In Tommy's case, he actually felt that his relationship with the fans was holding back his career. He faced one too many Baron Von



Though Rich attributed his departure from Georgia to his failure to win the NWA title from Harley Race, recent occurrences point to a different explanation. Stu Saks feels that Rich couldn't face his Georgia fans as a rulebreaker and decided it would be best to change his style elsewhere.

Raschkies. One too many opponents drove his fingers into Tommy's eyes and one too many opponents jabbed a metal object into Tommy's throat. And when one too many referees let these actions pass with a mere warning, Tommy went over the edge.

In a society where crime pays, there are going to be more criminals than good citizens. Why should Tommy Rich struggle to the top with an acceptable scientific style when he could ease to the top with an equally acceptable illegal style?

And don't say his new style isn't successful—Rich recently won the AWA Southern title by using shamelessly illegal tactics.

That there could be such a choice is disgraceful. That the wrestling federations allow rulebreakers free reign is criminal. Don't blame Tommy Rich for turning rulebreaker. Blame the sport for *allowing* him to turn rulebreaker. Perhaps it's the sport that should change before another Tommy Rich is lost to the rulebreakers. □



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But when it's two against one, the one doesn't have any good strategies. All Dino's plans were useless if he didn't get lucky. The young man smiled. It was about time his luck changed.

Adonis and Ventura didn't take the match lightly. They knew their reputations demanded that they win this match big. Bravo had to suffer from the opening bell. They

Ventura drives his knee into Bravo's back as he pulls back on a chinlock (above). After sapping Dino's strength with a bearhug, Ventura lowers his foe, applying pressure to his back (left).

would feel successful only if Dino had to be carried out on a stretcher. If he never wrestled again, the pair would consider it a great victory.

Finally, the night of the match arrived. Dino nervously paced the dressing room. When he was summoned into the arena, Dino muttered under his breath, "Here's to luck."

Dino stood alone in his corner. Across from him, the champions stared and laughed. "Welcome to your funeral!" Adonis shouted. Bravo didn't find it funny.

The bell rang. Adonis was the first to meet Bravo. Dino went after him with cool skill. Adonis quickly tagged off, confused by Dino's brilliant maneuvers. Ventura then went to work, battering Dino with some of the dirtiest maneuvers he's ever

used. Dino was hurt, but it didn't slow him down much.

The match continued much like this for the first minute. Dino would wrestle magnificently, only to be constantly faced by a rested foe. The continuous battering took its toll. Dino grew weary. He had to force his body to keep battling. It was a wondrous exhibition of wrestling courage.



Ventura holds Bravo atop the turnbuckle as Adonis fires away. Two against one were impossible odds even for Dino.

Ventura and Adonis grew impatient. Bravo was surviving too long. They had to put an end to the match quickly. Damning the rules and any sense of fair play, the two men entered the ring together. Dino stood tall, daring them to come at him. Like a tandem machine of death, Ventura and Adonis took the dare.

It took no more than 30 seconds before the referee disqualified them. But in that short time, the tag team pair were savage. It's a miracle Dino escaped serious injury. Few people will ever forget the horror of those seconds.

Afterwards, Dino was bruised and sore. A friend had to take him home. But that didn't matter to Dino. He'd gotten in his licks. Under the circumstances, that was all he could ask for. □

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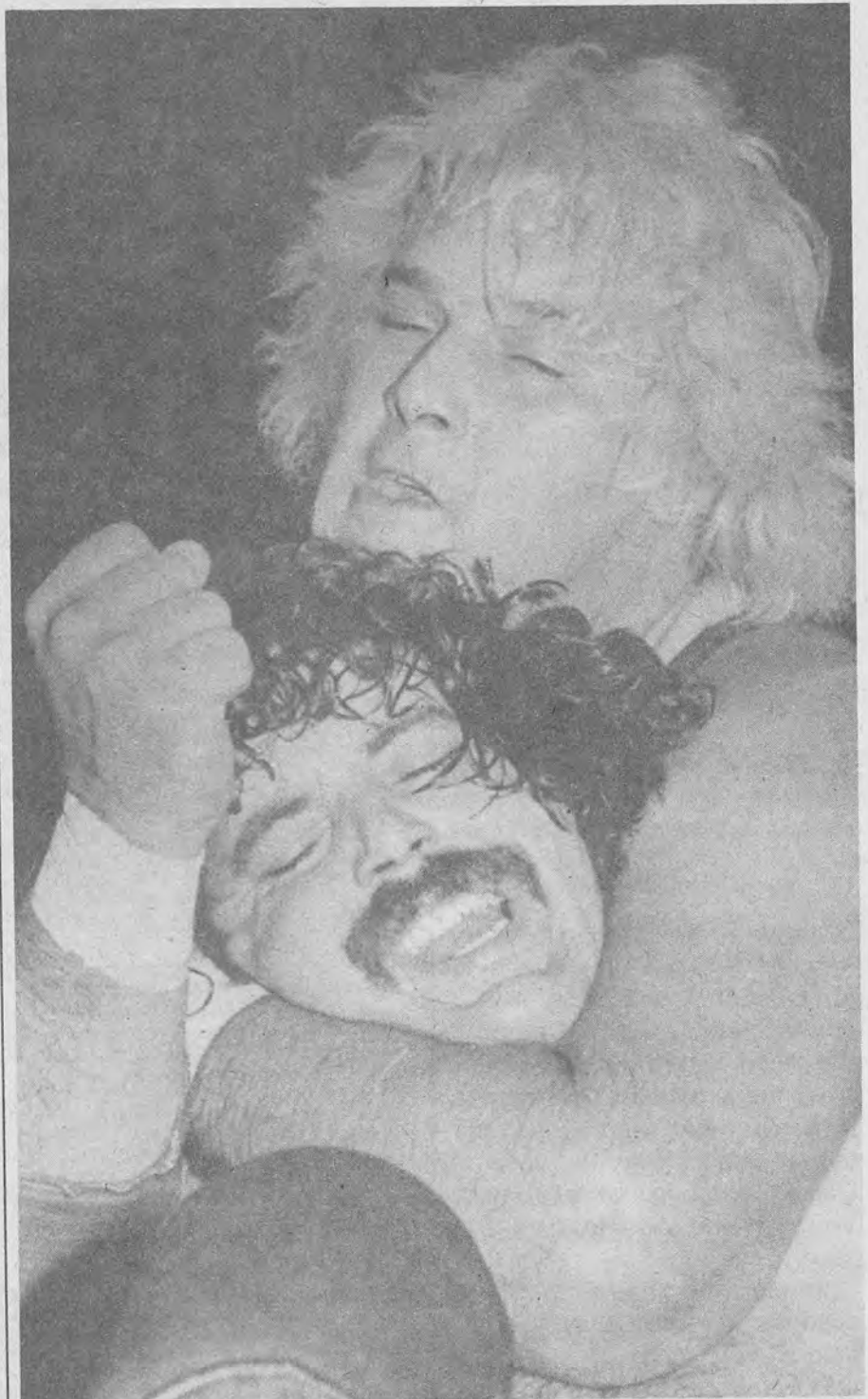
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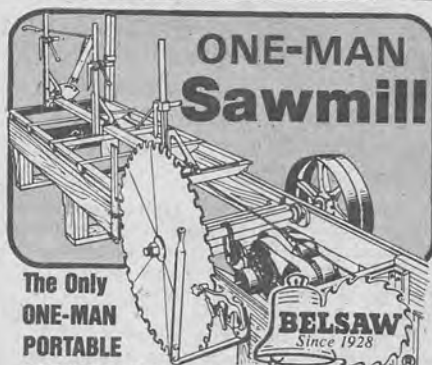
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Then, the guy to rough up became his friend, Larry Zbyszko. Did Tony *for one moment* consider that this was his best friend? Did Tony *for one moment* think he wouldn't do their bidding this time? Did Tony *even ask* if they could get someone else to savage the man who trusts him most? No, Tony did just what they told him to do.

As despicable as Garea is, the fans who cheer him are so much worse. Don't they have any idea of the meaning of friendship? Has the image of Bruno Sammartino so clouded their little brains that they cheer a traitor? The worship of Bruno Sammartino has not only destroyed reason, but it has destroyed decency.

In this pitiful situation, one can feel both rage and sorrow. We can rage at Tony Garea and his unthinking fans, and we can be sad over the betrayal felt by Larry

Zbyszko. Though I must admit to never liking Garea, I must also admit to being surprised by how easily he turned on a friend. For that I feel sorry, for he shows there is no real community of athletes. At least in the heart of Tony Garea, there is only greed, ambition, and cowardice.

Larry Zbyszko will survive this. Certainly, Garea has proven himself to be a survivor; it's what he does best. What has not survived is the meaning of



As the two collide at ring center, Garea manages to shield himself with his left forearm from a Zbyszko elbowsmash.

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Backlund takes aim and fires a right at Slaughter's exposed face (above). Backlund rarely uses the piledriver, but for Slaughter he made an exception (below). The champion dominated most of the action.



after the match. "Backlund was through, finished, doomed. Sgt. Slaughter, ex-Marine, deserves to be champion! It was the most disgraceful thing I've ever seen!

"Skoaland interfered. How many times has Arnold the Asinine complained about me interfering? He's insulted me over 100 times that way and people believed him. He's even had me locked up in a cage during a match so I wouldn't interfere. Can anybody tell me the last time I hit a wrestler over

the head with a chair to save my grappler. Never, that's when! Maybe that's the reason Backlund is champion and Slaughter isn't."

Slaughter, a man kicked out of the Marine Corps for being too vicious, was being stitched up while Wizard ranted. When the doctor told him the worst was over, Slaughter beckoned reporters to his training table.

"I live my life clean!" he shouted. "I'm as honest as the day is long. That's my Marine training. I may be tough, but it's a war out there every match. Kill or be killed. The guys who get killed don't get to come back tomorrow!

"Backlund is a bum! Skoaland is a bum! I'm the real WWF champion. Everyone knows it! I'm the best! The best!

"I want Backlund to apologize now! He's not the real champion. The title should be vacated!"

Wizard delighted in that idea. "Yeah," he agreed, "the title should be vacated. If Backlund and Skoaland are half as honest as they pretend to be, they'll vacate the title!"

In Backlund's dressing room, Skoaland refused to talk to reporters. Embarrassed, disgusted with himself for breaking the rules, Skoaland was too upset to talk. He sent out a prepared statement with Backlund, however. "I was wrong," it said. "I let my temper get the best of me. Tonight, I was no better than Sgt. Slaughter or Grand Wizard. In fact, I was worse. They don't know better and I do."

When Backlund heard about Wizard's demand that he vacate the title, Bob declared, "That sounds like Wizard. You'll have

to take my word for it that I was about to escape Slaughter's hold. Arnold didn't interfere to save me. He was simply reacting to being brutally kicked in the head. I wish he didn't do it, but I understand it. If you could see him now, you'd never think of listening to anything Wizard says. Arnold is a sad, sorry man.



Slaughter tries to propel himself back into the ring, but he is met by Backlund and his cocked right fist. Slaughter narrowly missed being counted out.

"I agree Slaughter deserves another title shot. He doesn't deserve a match in which the title is vacated. I earned that belt and I'm not letting Wizard talk me out of it."

As of now, there is no official move to take Backlund's title from him. There probably never will be such a move. Yet, for those many ringsiders who think Backlund was finished, perhaps justice has not been served. Only they, and now you, can decide for sure. ☐

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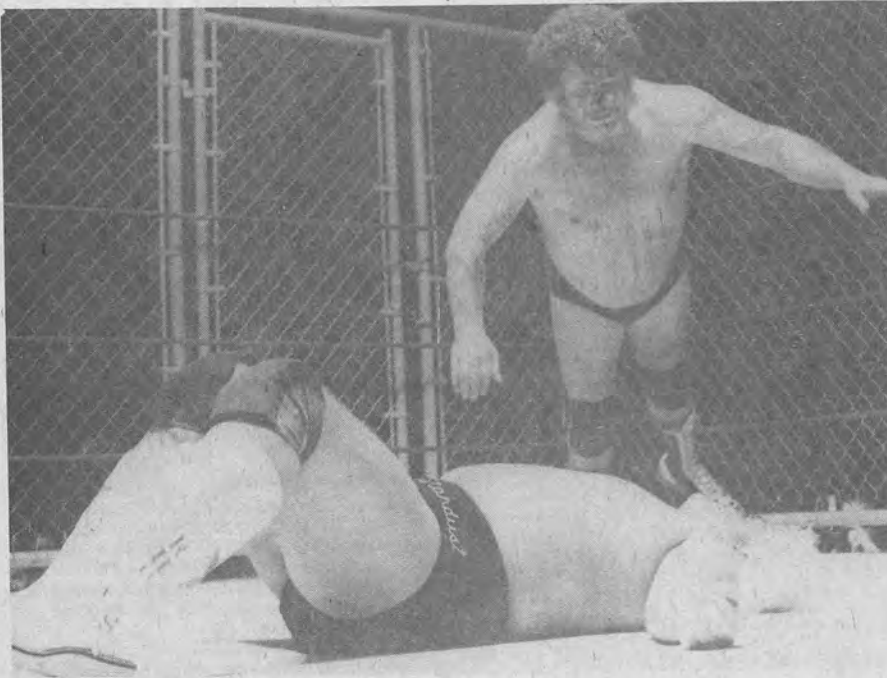
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A bleeding Harley Race aims his flying headbutt at a prone Dusty Rhodes during a cage match in Hollywood, Florida (above). Though on the receiving end (below), Rhodes took the NWA belt from Race in June, 1979 in Tampa. His title reign was but five days.



more concerned about himself than about his public and, damn, that just ain't so.

**HR:** Then if you care about your public, you'll agree to wrestle me.

**DR:** Ain't enough money in the world, turkey, to convince me to put myself through a wringer like that. I've had it with you and your ways. I gotta think of myself for a

change.

**HR:** Isn't your dream still the world title?

**DR:** So?

**HR:** If winning the title is still your dream, then why you gonna deprive yourself of a chance at the belt?

**DR:** Maybe I'll just wait for you to lose it, which'll happen soon enough.

**HR:** There you go again! If you couldn't beat me, a man of your skills, then how would anyone else beat me?

**DR:** Cut the snow-job, Race. I know there's gotta be somethin' up your sleeve to suddenly offer me a chance.

**HR:** Nothing, I swear.

**DR:** Don't believe you.

**HR:** How can I convince you?

**DR:** Dunno.

**HR:** What if I offered you more money for the title.

**DR:** You think I'm like you, carin' only about money? Hell, I gotta worry about my fans and my pride. I don't want my fans to witness another match where you cheat and slither outta certain defeat. That ain't what wrestlin' is all about.

**HR:** Isn't wrestling matching the very best men in a title match? Don't you think the public deserves another Race-Rhodes match?

**DR:** I can't trust you, man. I know I'm comin' across as the heavy, but I just been burnt once too much to trust you.

**HR:** Well, Dusty, I made the offer. If you want to reject, that's your decision, your responsibility, not mine.

**DR:** Race, I know you got somethin' up your sleeve. I can smell the stench across the phone wires. □

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## DiBIASE-RACE

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DiBiase and Valiant lock up in a test of strength. Ted feels that Race is past his prime.

unable to defend himself properly. I know he's slowed down a lot and he can't move like he used to. Well, that happens when you've endured the nightly battles the way he has over the years. Sooner or later you can't do it like you once did.

"But a man like Race won't admit he's finished. He wants to hold on to the glory and prestige as long as he can, even if it means risking serious injury. I guess in some sense I can understand that. For a man like Race, all he has is the title. What would he be like without his championship?"

Race snapped a towel against the wall.

"I gotta laugh when I hear the punks taking pot shots at me. I'm used to them mouthing off and saying how Harley Race ain't gonna hold onto the belt too much longer. I think it's real sad when this great sport has come to the point where what you say with your big yap counts for more than what you do in the ring.

"I never cared much for mouthing off. I'd much rather

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"Nah, I don't care. I've seen the punks come and go, seen 'em climb the ratings, get their brains battered and slide right back down again. And I'm usually the one to bash them right back down the ladder. Let's see what the punk does in the ring, not what he says outside in his dressing room."

Race stood and walked down the corridor. Three doors down, another dressing room door opened. DiBiase and Race paused, frozen by surprise, solidified with rage. They



In 1978, DiBiase was Missouri State champion, a traditional springboard to the NWA championship.

exchanged clipped nods and DiBiase leaned against the wall, watching Race swagger into the arena for a match against another man.

At least this night, there would be no confrontation. But the war clouds gather on the horizon. ☐

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## RUMOR VS. FACT

**RUMOR:** Since retiring from wrestling, Mr. Wrestling II has taken a job in a local arena, working the refreshment stand! "It keeps me close to the fans," he is reported to have said.

**FACT:** The photo doesn't lie, but the plain truth is Managing Editor Bill Apter posed II behind the counter on his last trip to Georgia. "Hey, nothing wrong with selling soda pop and peanuts to the kids," he said, "but don't you think such a job would be a little bit of a comedown for a man who's been in my position?" That's my deuce. Telling it like it is, as always.

**RUMOR:** "The Big Cat," notorious rulebreaker Ernie Ladd, has returned to the WWF not only to challenge champion Bob Backlund, but also to begin shooting commercials for Purina Cat Chow.

No, Mr. Wrestling II has not taken a job as a vendor to supplement his income during retirement. The photo was posed as a gag.

**FACT:** Ladd's motives strictly lie within the squared circle. "Why would I endorse cat food?" he asked. "I only eat finely prepared gourmet food—food fit for a king."

**RUMOR:** AWA champion Verne Gagne turned down \$50,000 to wrestle Nick Bockwinkel in a unique Loser Becomes Slave For A Day match. According to the rules devised by an AWA promoter, the loser of the match would have to cater to the whims of the winner for an entire day. Orders such as "shine my shoes," "draw me a bath," and "sew my socks," would have to be obeyed without question.

**FACT:** No such match was ever offered, at least to Gagne. "It's probably Bockwinkel's incredible propaganda machine

at work again spreading ridiculous rumors," Gagne said. "A Loser Becomes Slave For A Day match, what a farce. It bothers me when people tarnish such an outstanding sport as professional wrestling with such trash."

## INJURY REPORT

JAY YOUNGBLOOD suffered a severe leg injury in a tag team match in the Mid-Atlantic area. Youngblood and partner RICK STEAMBOAT battled JIMMY SNUKA and RAY STEVENS in the match.

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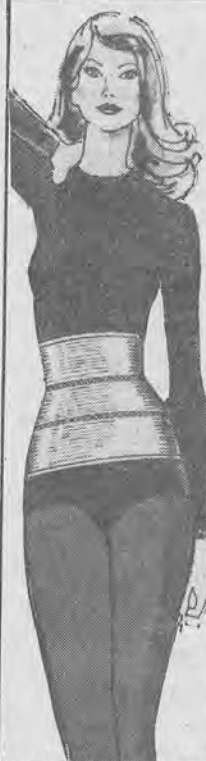
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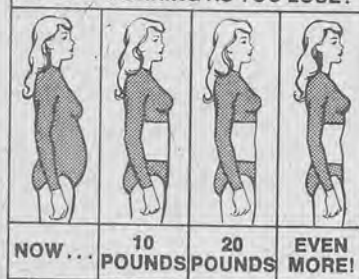
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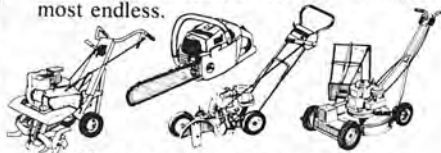
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